WEEK OF 1/23/01

Darby inks with ECCC

Justin Darby (front row middle), a 6-foot-3, 178-pound senior pitcher/shortstop from Union High School signed a national letter-of-intent to play baseball at East Central Community College next year. As a junior, Darby batted .536 and hit 15 home runs with 46 RBIs and scored 48 runs. On the mound, he was 4-5 with a 2.25 ERA. In one game in 2000, he had 10 RBIs with two grand slams. In a 10-2 playoff-clinching win over Nanih Waiya, Darby had two homers and struck out 12. Darby, who will be a sixth-year starter this spring, was named All-Division 5-1A last year and was chosen Union's Best Offensive Player and team MVP. With Darby are (seated from left) his parents, Bertha and Jimmy Darby, and (standing) Union baseball coach Sidney Wheatley and ECCC assistant coach Jake Yarborough.

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Massey becomes a Diamond Warrior

Lake High School senior Jason Massey has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Joining Jason at the signing were(seated from left) Nona Massey and Jason; standing(from left) are East Central Coach Jamie Clark, Lake Coach Brian Goodman and Lake High School Principal Randy Martin. Jason is the son of the late Carl Ray Massey.(Times staff photo by Josh Lindsey)

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WEEK OF 1/29/01

Alex Shepard will play for the Diamond Warriors

Alex Shepard(seated, center) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for the East Centyraol Community College Diamond Warriors. Joining him at the signing were his parents, Kathy Shepard(seated, left) and Gerald Shepard (seated, right); and standing(from left) Jonathan Jones, Sebastopol baseball coach, Jamie Clark, ECCC head baseball coach, and Jake Yarbrough, ECCC assistant baseball coach(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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➢ The East Central Community College baseball team kicks off the 2001 season Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Decatur when Bevill (Ala.) State Community College pays a visit for a doubleheader.

WEEK OF 2/5/01

Stovall set to play big role for Warriors

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

DECATUR — Former Neshoba Central High School baseball standout Turk Stovall will play a major part in East Central Community College's drive to improve on last season's 20-27 mark.

"Turk has done a job for us so far this spring and we expect big things out of him," ECCC head coach Jamie Clark said of the sophomore middle infielder.

"He will play either second base or shortstop for us, but he will be in there somewhere," Clark said. The veteran ECCC baseball coach also said Stovall has enough pop in his bat that he could hit somewhere in the middle of the order.

Clark said he was disappointed in last year's record, but felt that could be turned around.

"That's the worse record we have had since 1988," he said. "But there were a lot of reasons for that. One of them was we didn't hit."

Despite a shaky regular season, the Warriors came close to pulling a major upset in the postseason. They led Gulf Coast by two runs with just one out to go in the bottom of the last inning before the Bulldogs rallied to take the win.

ECCC Schedule

February — 2, Bevill (Ala.) State (DH), 1 p.m.; 14, Northwest (DH), 1 p.m.; at Sumiton (Ala.), (DH), Noon; 20, at Mississippi Delta, (DH), 1 p.m.; 23, at Meridian in Rush Classic, 3 p.m.; 24, vs. Jones in Rush Classic at MCC, Noon; 25, vs. East Mississippi in Rush Classic at MCC, Noon.

March — 1, Lincoln Trail (Ill.), 10 a.m.; 1, Delgado (La.), 4 p.m.; 5, vs. Mississippi Delta at Choctaw Central High School, 5 p.m.; 10, at Jones, (DH), 2 p.m.; 14, Three Rivers (Mo.), (DH), 1 p.m.; 15, Sumiton (Ala.), (DH), 1 p.m.; 17, Gulf Coast, (DH), 1 p.m.; 20, Pearl River, (DH), 2 p.m.; 24, at Co-Lin, (DH), 1 p.m.; 28, at Southwest, (DH), 4 p.m.; 31, at Itawamba, (DH), Noon.

April — 3, at Hinds, (DH), 4 p.m.; 4, East Mississippi, 6 p.m.; 7, Jones, (DH), 1 p.m.; 10, at Gulf Coast (DH), 4 p.m.; 13, at Pearl River, (DH), 1 p.m.; 17, Co-Lin, (DH), 3 p.m.; 18, at Northwest, (DH), 1 p.m.; 21, Southwest, (DH), 1 p.m.; 23, Itawamba, (DH), 3 p.m.; 25, at Bevill (Ala.) State, (DH), 2 p.m.; 28, Hinds, (DH), 1 p.m.

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The Warriors will be depending heavily on their pitching this season.

The two "big" keys in the pitching rotation will be twins Mario Migliacio and Monte Migliacio.

"Overall I am really pretty upbeat about our pitching," Clark said. "That is going to be one of our major strengths. And Mario and Monte obviously play a pretty big role in that. They are good, smart pitchers who know how to use their defense and get ground ball outs."

The Warriors will be counting on sophomores David Ryan and Brandon Fish to round out the starting rotation.

Clark said Fish, a left-hander, could really hold the key to the success of the pitching staff.

"We are looking for big things out of him for sure," Clark said.

Others being counted on to help on the pitching mound are Corey Amis, Shawn Soulier, Dustin Magee, Chris Comans, Corey Blackwell and Jason Wooten.

Battling for playing time at first base will be slugging freshman Adam McCurdy and the Migliacio brothers.

Stovall and Josh Thoms will be sharing time at second base and shortstop with freshman Dee Hornsburger of Noxapater also expected to get some time at shortstop.

Justin Reed, Soulier, and Josh Chaney will all see some playing time at third.

Chaney will also share catching duties with Kenny Stewart.

"We will be exceptionally strong defensviely behind the plate," Clark said. "We have two good catchers who can both get the job done. Over the course of the season we are going to need them both."

Former Leake Academy standout Kent Chamblee is penciled in to bat lead-off and play center field for the Warriors, while Hal Thompson and Louis Bradford will share time in right. Reed, Thompson and Soulier will all be vying for time in left.

The Warriors open their season at home on Saturday when Bevill (Ala.) State Community College pays a visit for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

ECCC will also take part in the Rush Classic Feb. 23-25.

WEEK OF 2/5/01

EC leans on heaters to lead freshmen

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East Central Diamond Warriors will rely on a field of freshman talent for the 2001 season

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Former Diamond Warrior Jake Yarborough of Union begins his first year as assistant coach. Managers are Jason Mangrum of Kosciusko, Micah Weems of Lake and Amanda Nazary of Edinburg.

In addition to the season opener with Bevill State February 10, The Diamond Warriors will be at home February 14 against Northwest Mississippi Community College before starting a five game road series.

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LOCAL SPORTS

East Central swings into action

By Austin Bishop/Special To The Star
Feb. 8, 2001

DECATUR — Opponents of the East Central Community College baseball team will definitely be seeing double this year, and veteran ECCC head coach Jamie Clark hopes they hate every minute of it.

"Our pitching staff will definitely be built around the Migliacio boys," Clark said of twins Mario and Monte. The 6-foot-4 right-handers were keys to last year's team and are expected to be the big guns this time out.

"Overall I am really pretty upbeat about our pitching," Clark said. "That is going to be our strength. And Mario and Monte obviously play a pretty big role in that. They are good, smart pitchers who know how to use their defense and get ground ball outs."

The Warriors went 20-29 last year, which is something that irks Clark a little.

"That's the worse record we had since 1988," Clark said. "But there were a lot of reasons for that. One of them was we didn't hit."

Despite the losing mark, ECCC qualified for the Region 23 tournament and came within an eyelash of beating Gulf Coast, one of the tournament favorites, in the first round.

"We were ahead of them 6-4 and were one out away, but we just couldn't get it done," Clark said. The next day ECCC fell to Mississippi Delta in a tight game and was eliminated.

"I think this year's team is going to be a better hitting team than last year's," Clark said. "But we still are going to have to create some things. We won't have as much power as we have had in years past."

While Clark said his Warriors would be wide-open on the base paths and wouldn't hesitate to steal bases or bunt the runners over, he also said they would have to be smart.

"We can't afford to be running into any outs," he said. "We need to be smart base runners and not give outs away."

While Clark said the pitching staff could be the strength, he also said he is pleased with the freshman catching duo he has in Josh Chaney and Kenny Stewart.

"We will be exceptionally strong defensively, and I like the way they handle the pitchers," he said. "With me I look at my catcher in terms of defense and anything offensively is a bonus."

A couple pitchers Clark hopes those catchers are playing defense for often are left-hander Brandon Fish and right-hander David Ryan.

Fish, a 6-foot-6 sophomore from Demopolis, Ala., is coming off an injury-plagued year.

"If we can get him back and he is strong, that will be a big, big plus for us," Clark said. "He really is a good pitcher and has some nice stuff."

Two other guys being counted on heavily on the mound are Corey Amis of Newton County High School and Shawn Soulier from New Roads, La. Other pitchers on the squad are Jason Wooten, Dustin Magee, Corey Blackwell and Chris Comans.

When they are not pitching, the Migliacio twins will be playing first base or seeing action at designated hitter. Also in the hunt for playing time at first is Adam McCurdy.

"He has some power and I like the way he has swung the bat," Clark said. "He could play first or DH. We will try to get his bat in there somewhere."

The middle infield will be made up of Neshoba Central's Turk Stovall and Newton High School's Josh Thoms. Stovall will likely start at second, with Thoms at short, but the two can be flip-flopped.

"Those two, in addition to Dee Hornsburger who will see some time at shortstop, make us very solid up the middle defensively," Clark said.

Justin Reed and Soulier will battle for time at third base, while Chaney may play some third as well when he is not behind the plate.

Center field will be held down by one of last year's leading hitters, Kent Chamblee. Hal Thompson or Louis Bradford will play right, while Reed, Thompson or Soulier could play in left field.

Others being counted on to provide depth for the Warriors, who compete in the MACJC's South Division, are Ryan Renfrow, Dwight Brannon and Robert Oswalt.

Clark said his Warriors have another ambitious schedule this season.

"The best teams we will play this year, in no particular order, will be Bevill (Ala.), Northwest, Meridian and Gulf Coast," Clark said.

While Gulf Coast is a division foe and the Warriors won't face them until the Bulldogs pay a visit on March 17, ECCC doesn't wait long before they face the other three.

East Central opens the season Saturday, when Bevill pays a visit at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader, while Northwest is next with a Valentine's Day visit to Decatur for a doubleheader that also begins at 1 p.m.

On Feb. 23-25 the Warriors take part in the Rush Classic at Scaggs Field on the campus of Meridian Community College where the Warriors will face MCC on Friday, Jones on Saturday and East Mississippi on Sunday.

Another tough team that ECCC plays is Delgado of New Orleans, La., which pays a visit for a singe game on March 1.

"We are really looking forward to it," Clark said. "We think we can be competitive. If our pitching and defense can keep us in the game, we have a chance to win a few."

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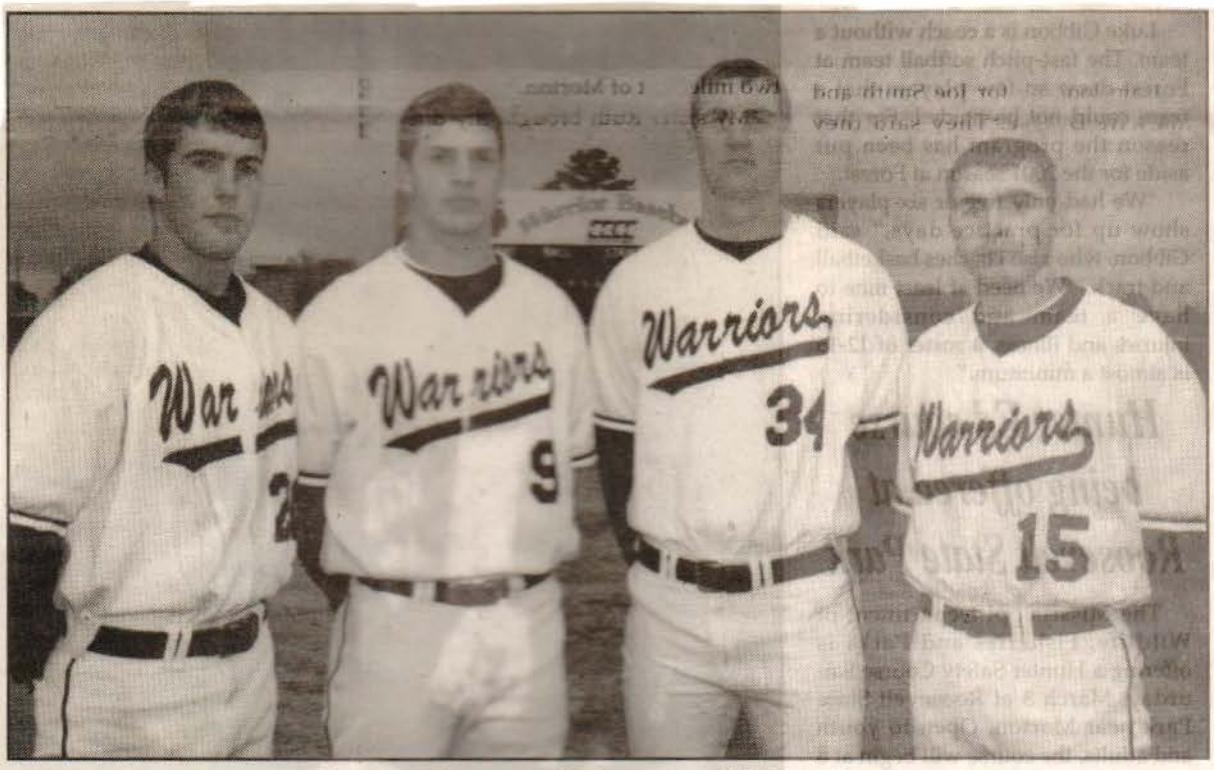

Scott County Diamond Warriors

These student athletes from Scott County are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for 2001. From left are right-handed pitcher Jason Wooten of Lake, outfielder Lewis Bradford of Scott Central; first baseman Adam McCurdy of Morton and outfielder Ryan Renfrow of Sebastopol. The Diamond Warriors begin competition on Saturday, February 10 by hosting Bevill State of Fayette, Ala., in double-header action starting at 1 p.m. on the Decatur Campus.(EC Photo)

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Photo by Austin Bishop

Philadelphia High School pitcher/first baseman Caleb Breland, front row center, recently signed a scholarship to play baseball for East Central Community College next season. Pictured with Breland are his father Steve Breland, front row left, and his mother Pam Breland. On the back row are PHS head baseball coach Scott Hill and East Central assistant coach Jake Yarbrough.

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Bradford's Two-Run Homer Gives ECCC First Season Win

DECATUR--Freshman Lewis Bradford's two-run homer in the seventh inning gave East Central Community College a 6-4 win over visiting Northwest Mississippi Community College and salvaged a split of the February 14 doubleheader at Chris Gay IV Memorial Field.

Bradford's blast came in the nightcap and marked the first season win for East Central (1-3), which began the 2001 campaign by losing a doubleheader to visiting Bevill State Community College of Fayette, Ala., on February 10. Also scoring on the former Scott Central High School standout's gamewinning hit was freshman Kenny Stewart of Citronelle, Ala., who earlier doubled and reached third on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Justin Reed of Louisville. Sophomore southpaw Brandon Fish (1-0) of Demopolis, Ala., was the winning pitcher. The Diamond Warriors fell 4-1 in the first game.

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East Central softball opener pushed back

From Special Reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College will have to wait a few days to begin its inaugural fast-pitch softball season.

The Lady Diamond Warriors were scheduled to open the 2001 campaign at Holmes Community College in Goodman on Feb. 20, but that matchup — as well as home games with the Lady Bulldogs in Decatur on Thursday, Feb. 22 — were cancelled by Holmes.

East Central will now begin season action on Feb. 28 at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. The Lady Diamond Warriors will participate in an "Early Bird Tournament" scheduled March 2-3 in Hattiesburg, and return home to host East Mississippi on Tuesday, March 6.

All games are doubleheaders and begin at 1 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

East Central Warriors down Northwest in baseball action

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Scott County Diamond Warriors

These student athletes from Scott County are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for 2001. From left are right-handed pitcher Jason Wooten of Lake, outfielder Lewis Bradford of Scott Central, first baseman Adam McCurdy of Morton and outfielder Ryan Renfrom of Sebastopol. The Diamond Warriors begin competition on Saturday, February 10 by hosting Bevill State of Fayette, Ala., in doubleheader action starting at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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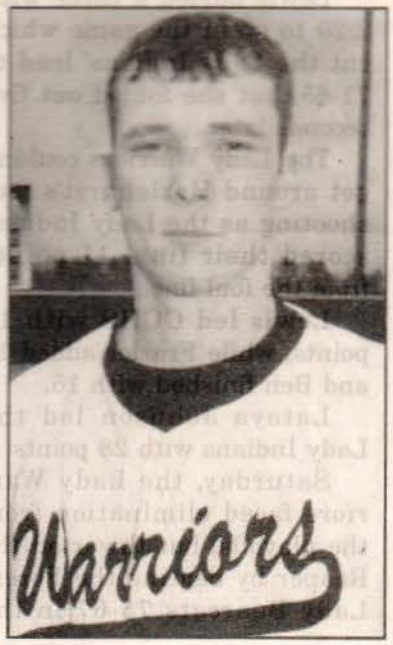

Soph. Warrior

Kent Chamblee of Carthage is in his final year on the East Central diamond. As a freshman, he batted .336, with six doubles, eight RBIs and also scored 22 runs.

EC wins with homer

Freshman Lewis Bradford's two-run homer in the seventh inning gave East Central a 6-4 win over visiting Northwest and salvaged a split of the Feb. 14 doubleheader at Chris Gay IV Memorial Field.

Bradford's blast came in the nightcap and marked the first season win for East Central (1-3), which began the 2001 campaign by losing a doubleheader to visiting Bevill State of Fayette, Ala., on Feb. 10.

Also scoring on the former Scott Central standout's game-winning hit was freshman Kenny Stewart, who earlier doubled and reached third on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Justin Reed.

Sophomore southpaw Brandon Fish (1-0) was the winning pitcher.

The Diamond Warriors fell 4-1 in the first game.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Eagles take first round win in Rush Classic

By Austin Bishop/Special to The Star
Feb. 24, 2001

It's amazing how far an 11-run inning will go toward making a team feel better about itself.

The Meridian Community College Eagles picked up 11 runs on seven hits in the bottom of the fourth inning Friday to rally for a come-from-behind 12-5 win over East Central Community College in the first round of the Rush Classic being played at MCC's Scaggs Field this year.

Jones County Junior College used a 16-hit attack to take a 12-7 win over East Mississippi Community College in the day's first game.

Meridian's bats struggled early against ECCC, as the Warriors jumped out to a 5-1 lead in picking up eight hits over their first four at bats.

But then the Eagles woke up at the plate, knocking ECCC starter Cory Amis and reliever Brandon Fish (1-1) out of the game on the way to the big 11-run inning.

"We put some hit and runs on and when they executed them it just started to snowball in the dugout and they all started to believe they could hit again," said MCC head coach Russ McNickle. "Hitting is contagious, just like bad fielding was the other night."

The win pushed MCC to 6-4 on the season, while East Central fell to 1-5.

The ECCC Warriors are set to take on 3-4 Jones today at Noon in the Rush Classic, while MCC and East Mississippi (1-4) are set to start at 3 p.m.

Meridian pitching coach Mike Federico said he was especially pleased with the effort of reliever Adam Smith (2-1), who went 3.1 innings in relief of starter Martin LaRocca. Smith gave up six hits, but struck out four, didn't walk anyone and allowed no runs.

"That's what we expect out of guys like Adam and Curt (McLellan) and Derek Gillaspy," Federico said. "We just want them to come out and throw strikes and give us a chance and get us back in the dugout."

"In junior college you are never out of any ballgame," he said. "We have just got to get those middle (relief) guys to stop the bleeding, get a big stop and get us in here and get some confidence with the bats."

ECCC came out swinging the bats, going up 1-0 in the top of the first thanks to an RBI double by Monte Migliacio. The Eagles tied the game in the bottom of the inning when Tyler Scarbrough drew a bases-loaded walk to force in Travis Garner who had walked to start the inning.

East Central starter Amis, who walked three and hit one in the first inning, settled down to strike out the next two hitters.

The Warriors came right back to pick up two more runs in the second. The first came on an RBI single by Hornsburger and the second came when Hornsburger swiped home on a double-steal play.

ECCC stretched that out to 5-1 when the Warriors touched LaRocca for four singles and two runs in the fourth.

"Martin didn't have his breaking ball," McNickle said. "So they were sitting on the No. 1 pitch and when you don't have other pitchers then it's easy to hit."

The Eagles tied the game at 5-5 quickly in the bottom of the fourth thanks to an RBI double by Garner and RBI singles off the bats of Rory Thornton, Dustin Cliburn and Scarbrough. Then the ECCC right fielder misplayed a fly ball by Chris Knight, allowing two more runs to score and the Eagles to take the lead for good.

Temetric Thomas followed that by smashing a triple to right-center, then the Eagles used singles by Garner and Thornton and a two-run triple by Gray to go up 12-5.

Garner finished the night with three hits for MCC, while Hal Thompson had four singles to lead East Central. Josh Chaney and Hornsburger also had three hits for the Warriors, who finished the night with 15 hits.

• JONES 12, EMCC 7: The Bobcats scored four runs in the top of the eighth to answer an East Mississippi rally on the way to their third win of the season.

The Bobcats had built a 7-2 lead, only to have EMCC cut it to 8-6 thanks to a two-run seventh inning. But JCJC answered with four in the top of the eighth.

"That was the key to the ball game I think," said veteran Jones coach Bobby Glaze. "Just to go ahead and keep scoring and keep scoring."

Matt McAlpin ripped three singles and scored three runs to lead the Bobcats, while former Quitman High School standout Kyle Valentine (1-0) picked up the win on the mound.

Tyler Lowros picked up three hits and scored three runs to lead the Lions, while Josh Buckley had a double, single and drove in three runs.

Steve Oglesby (0-2) took the loss on the mound for EMCC.

third, EMCC scored a run in the top of the fourth to cut it to 13-1. But the Eagles, now 7-4 on the year, hit for eight more in the bottom of the inning to go up 21-1. Josh Raggio had a three-run double in that inning for Meridian.

The Lions, now 1-5, scored four runs in the top of the sixth, with two of those coming off a homer by Josh Buckley.

Brian Reed (1-0) picked up the win on the mound for the Eagles, giving up just one run and two hits in five innings, while striking out six.

While he was happy to get the win after getting no decisions in his two previous starts, despite strong outings, Reed said what he was real happy to see was his teammates hitting the ball at the plate.

"I got some runs today and I can pitch with a lead any day," the sophomore said. "We haven't been playing well lately, but it was good for the fans to see us finally begin to get it together. We are going to be all right, it's just early in the season. When we put our pitching together with our hitting we will be fine."

• JONES 14, ECCC 8: Six different Bobcats hit homers for Jones, which evened its record at 4-4 on the season with the win.

Clint Harris led off in the bottom of the first with a homer for JCJC, while former Quitman High School standout Kyle Valentine belted a grand slam to put the winners up 5-2 after one inning of play.

Craig Bush, Brett McAlphin, Josh Sullivan, Chris Butler all homered for Jones in the game. Mario Laphand, who prepped for Quitman, had a two-run double for the winners.

Jones jumped out to an 11-3 lead before the Warriors began chipping away.

ECCC fell to 1-6 on the year with the loss.

Today's action begins at Noon at Scaggs Field with East Central and East Mississippi squaring off.

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ECCC Lady Warriors Begin Region 23

DECATUR--After being ousted in first-round action of the MACJC South Division Tournament, East Central Community College's Lady Warriors have now set their sights on winning the Region 23 title.

East Central will take a 19-5 record to the annual tournament, scheduled March 5-8 at A. E. Wood Coliseum on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton. The Lady Warriors begin competition against state champion Jones County Junior College in a 6 p.m. tip-off on Tuesday. The Lady Bobcats are 22-7, with two of the losses attributed to East Central. The Lady Warriors posted a 7468 win February 8 in Ellisville and claimed an 83-68 victory January 16 in Decatur.

Coach Sammy Pace said his team, which was nationally ranked throughout most of the season, is eager to hit the hardwood and take on the Lady Bobcats.

"I feel we are ready to play and it suits us fine to begin Region 23 against the state champions. Jones is obviously playing very good right now, and for us to win our defense has to play well. We should be okay offensively but we have to keep Jones from scoring a lot of points for us to be successful," Pace said.

The East Central/Jones winner will meet the Co-Lin/Northeast victor at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Also qualifying for the Region 23 Tournament in the women's bracket are Northwest Mississippi Community College, Itawamba Community College, Meridian Community College and Pearl River Community College.

Pace led his Lady Warriors to the Region 23 championship in 1994. The same squad captured the Consolation Bracket in the NJCAA Tournament and finished seventh in the national juco poll.

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Pitching To Play Major Role For ECCC Diamond Warriors

DECATUR--With mainly freshmen on his 23-man roster, East Central Community College head baseball coach Jamie Clark expects his pitching staff -led by sophomore twins Mario and Monte Migliacio of Plaquemine, La. - to be the dominating force on this year's squad.

Clark, now in his 14th season at the Warrior helm, also anticipates a "turnaround" from last year's team, which finished 20-27 yet still qualified - for tire fifth straight year- to compete in the Region 23 Tournament.

A glimpse of just how effective the Diamond Warrior hurlers will be during the 2001 campaign will be evident on Saturday, February 10, when East Central begins season action by hosting Bevill State Community College of Fayette, Ala., in double-header action beginning at 1 p.m. on Chris Gay IV Memorial Field.

Last year Monty (6-3, 195) posted a 5-5 mark and registered a team-best 2.74 earned run average. He also had 60 strikeouts and allowed just 11 walks. Although Mario (6-4,190) had a losing record on the mound, he had a respectable 3.86 ERA and fanned 50 batters. Both are right-handers.

Other returning hurlers include southpaw Brandon Fish (6-6, 195) of Demopolis, Ala., and right-hander David Ryan (6-5, 195) of Tuscaloosa. Fish posted a 2-4 record and fanned 29 batters in just 29 113 innings of work. Ryan only made a brief appearance on the mound. Both players had their seasons cut short due to arm injuries but have since made a full recovery and will return to the pitching rotation.

Freshman hurlers are southpaw Dustin McGee (6-1,190) of Hickory, Shawn Soulier (6-1, 195) of New Roads, La.; Jason Wooten (5-10,160) of Lake, Corey Blackwell (5-10, 160) of Nanih Waiya, Chris Comans (6-1,190) of Newton and Corey Amis (6-0, 185) of Decatur.

Top returning hitters include outfielder Kent Chamblee (5-11, 175) of Carthage, third baseman Justin Reed (59-185) of Louisville, second baseman Turk Stovall (5-11,163) of Philadelphia and outfielder Hal Thompson (5-9,165) of West Point.

Last year Chamblee appeared in 223 innings and batted .336 with six doubles and eight RBIs. He also scored 22 runs. Reed posted a .409 batting average through 57 1/3 innings and had five doubles. Stovall batted .255 (122 innings) and Thompson had a .250 average through 41 innings.

Clark said he is "especially pleased" with his freshman players who include, in addition to the previously mentioned pitchers, shortstop/outfielder Dee Hornsburger (5-8,155) of Noxapater, shortstop Josh Thorns (5-9,170) of Newton, outfielder Lewis Bradford (6-1, ,183) of Hillsboro, third baseman/catcher Josh Chaney (5-10, 165) of Little Rock, outfielder Ryan Renfrow (5-9, 175) of Sebastopol, outfielder Dwight Brannon (6-3, 210) of Decatur, catcher Kenny Stewart (6-3, 170) of Citronelle, Ala.; first baseman Adam McCurdy (6-3, 205) of Morton and outfielder Robert Oswalt (6-1, 205) of Nanih Waiya.

Former Diamond Warrior Jake Yarborough of Union begins his first year as assistant coach. Managers are Jason Mangrum of Kosciusko, Micah Weems of Lake and Amanda Nazary of Edinburg.

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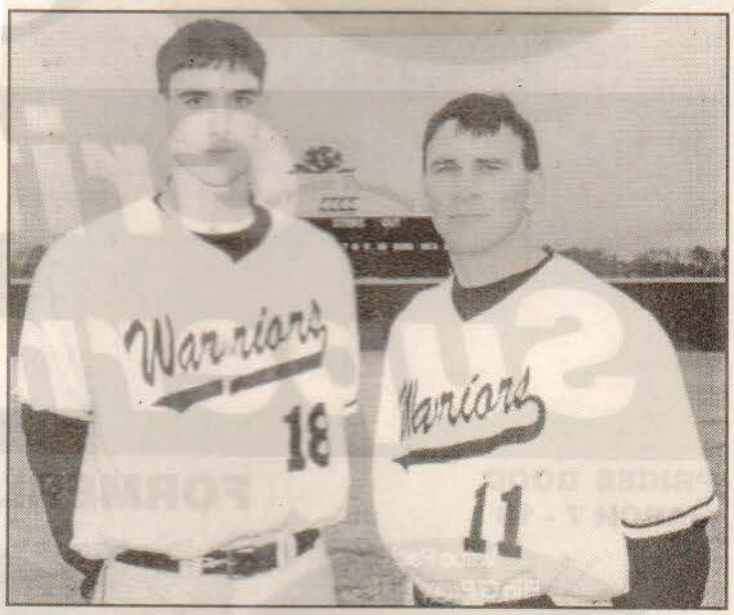

ECCC CATCHERS -Catchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 2001 campaign are (from left) freshmen Kenny Stewart of Citronelle, Ala. and Josh Chaney of Little Rock. The Diamond Warriors began competition on Saturday, February 10, hosting Bevill State of Fayette, Ala., in doubleheader action at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 3/12/01

ECCC sweeps Lady Lions; Bobcat baseball team downs EMCC 3-2

By Rocky Higginbotham

The Meridian Star

It took them quite a while to finally get a game under their respective belts, but East Central and East Mississippi Community College are now officially in the fast-pitch softball world.

EMCC hosted ECCC Monday in a doubleheader that was a makeup of contests previously rained out; then East Central entertained Scooba Tech Tuesday afternoon in Decatur.

The Monday games were the first-ever fast-pitch contests for both schools, while the Tuesday games saw freshman standout Emily Casey of Union threw a pair of gems at the visiting Lady Lions, helping East Central to 5-2 and 9-0 wins after splitting on Monday.

Casey, in addition to allowing just the two runs, improved her mark to 3-1 with just one walk on the day.

"Emily did a really good job," East Central coach Mike Anderson said. "She only walked one batter in both games together.

"To be honest, (EMCC) was putting the bat on the ball in the first game. We just made some great defensive plays. But in the second game, Emily really threw the ball well."

for EMCC, while Kathrine Hinton took the loss on the hill.

In Game Two, East Central led 8-2 going into the bottom of the third before the Lady Lions rallied. In fact, EMCC was still down 8-6 when Casey took the hill late in the contest and the Lady Lions rallied with four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Casey was charged with the loss, while Hinton took the win.

Kayla Murphy had a single and double, while Gordon — a former Northeast Lauderdale standout — had two singles.

Ex-West Lauderdale star Randi Little also had two hits for EMCC, as did Jessica Vaughn and Shannon Brown.

• **Next up:** East Central visits Mississippi Delta on Thursday for a pair of games, while East Mississippi isn't scheduled to play again until next week.

EMCC Baseball

• **Jones 3, EMCC 2:** EMCC dropped a heartbreaker Tuesday when Jones' Jeff Rowland hit a three-run blast off of Lion reliever Steve Oglesby in the bottom of the eighth inning lifting the Bobcats out of a 2-0 hole.

EMCC, which had led since taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning, couldn't find the answer in the ninth as it suffered the loss.

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Two of those defensive plays were inning-ending double plays. One was a tag-out at the plate off an outfield assist, with East Central then throwing to second to nail another runner. The other DP was a line drive to shortstop Holly Turner, who doubled a Lady Lion runner off first base.

"We made some plays," Anderson said of his team, which had three errors combined Tuesday. "And in the second game, we hit the ball pretty well.

"For a couple of teams like us and East Mississippi that were both playing for the first time, I thought we did well both days."

• **Monday:** In the first twinbill at Scooba Monday, East Central won the first game 5-2 behind Casey, but the host Lady Lions took a 10-8 slugfest in the nightcap.

In Game One, Sommer Averett — another freshman from Union — had two hits, as did Turner, a former South Choctaw Academy standout.

Austyn Gordon had a triple

The Lions, who hadn't seen action since the Rush Invitational, used five pitchers in the contest, and EMCC head coach Bill Baldner said for the most part he was pleased with their performances.

"We did real good with pitching," Baldner said. "They outhit us 10-6 but until the seventh inning, we hadn't walked a batter or allowed a run."

"Oglesby just had a little trouble throwing strikes for us."

The Lions fell to 1-7 on the year with the loss, but according to Baldner things haven't been as bad as the record indicates.

"We've had some games like this one, where when you look at some of the things you did along the way, you say 'if we had only done this or only done that, it would have been much different," he said.

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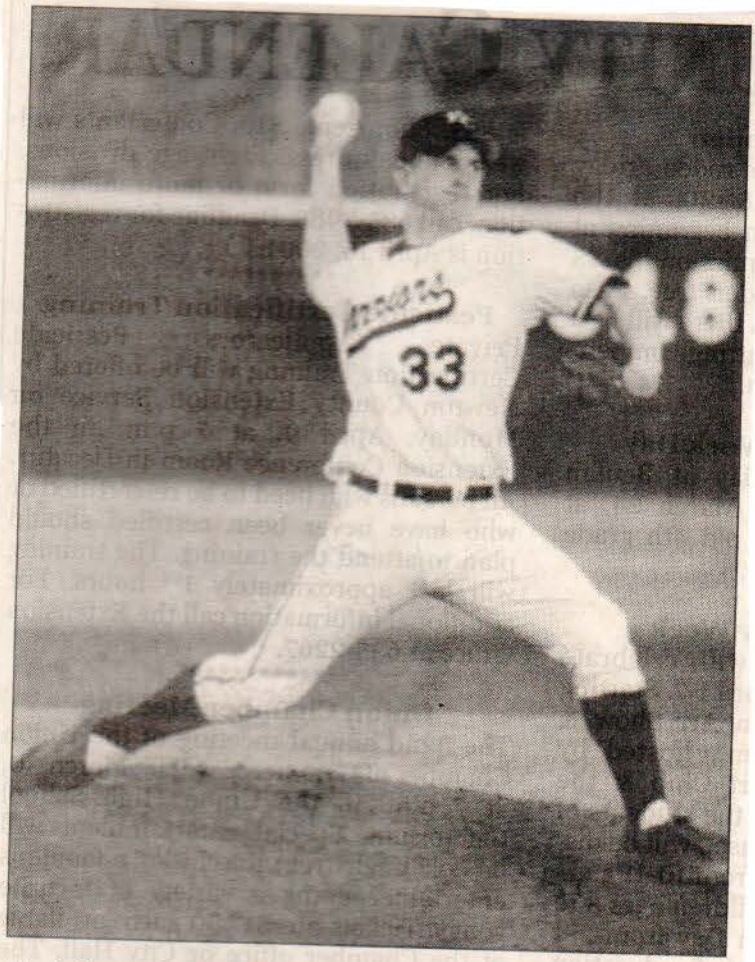

East Central Community College freshman right-hander Corey Amis of Newton County High School fires to the plate during a recent game at Decatur.

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WEEK OF 4-2-01

Warriors edge Lions

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — A waterlogged field at East Central Community College hardly seemed like the proper backdrop for a good defensive baseball game Thursday night, but that was exactly the case as the homestanding Warriors took a 7-6 win over East Mississippi Community College in the second-annual Judges Cup game.

Each team committed only one error in the nine-inning contest.

East Central turned in at least five sparkling defensive plays, while East Mississippi had two including a rare triple play in the bottom of the first inning.

East Central's Hal Thompson lined out to second baseman Ashley Chism, who threw to first base to double up Kent Chamblee. Lion first baseman Josh Buckley then fired to shortstop Tyler Lowros to retire Lewis Bradford to complete the triple play.

ECCC 7

EMCC 6

The Warriors took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning as Turk Stovall singled and scored on a throwing error by Lowros.

Warrior third baseman Justin Reed made a tough running catch in foul territory and Stovall had a nice play at shortstop to retire

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Lowros in the second frame.

"Turk played well," ECCC head coach Jamie Clark said of his sophomore shortstop. "He made some nice plays today and made some at Southwest and made some at Hinds."

The Lions tied the game on a sacrifice fly from Jaron Andrews in the top of the third and went up 3-1 in the fourth on RBI-singles from Lowros and Brandon Barrett.

The Warriors used four walks and a grand slam from Bradford to reclaim the lead in the bottom of the fourth. Three consecutive walks by Steve Oglesby loaded the bases and a sacrifice fly from Dee Hornesburger pulled ECCC to within 3-2.

Johnthan Allgood (0-1) walked Reed to reload the bases and Bradford followed with a towering grand slam to left field to put the Warriors up 6-3.

The Lions began chipping away and eventually drew even.

Chris Ball singled and scored on a wild pitch for EMCC in the top of the fifth.

The Lions tied the game on RBI-singles by Andrews and Josh Perry in the seventh. Only two fine defensive plays by ECCC first baseman Monte Migliacio and Warrior reliever Chris Comans (2-1) kept the damage from being greater.

"There's an opinion out there, and I kinda agree with it, that the softer the field, the better the defense is going to be," Clark said. "The ball is going to be coming slower and is not going to take as many bad hops.

"Maybe that had something to do with it, but I think we're getting better defensively. I hope that's what it is."

The Warriors got the eventual winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Chamblee reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a bases-loaded fielder's choice by Stovall.

Chamblee turned in a defensive gem with a sliding catch of a fly ball by Buckley to left-center to start the eighth inning.

The Lions threatened to pull even in the top of the ninth as they loaded the bases after the first two batters were retired.

Corey Blackwell then got Buckley to ground out to Hornesburger at second base to end the game.

"It was a well-played game," EMCC head coach Bill Baldner said. "I hate the three walks after we had taken a 3-1 lead and then a grand slam, but that's the way we've played all year. We've lost eight or nine one-run games and every time we've had a chance to win.

"(East Central) played hard and they got that grand slam and that got them a little fire, but it was a well-played game for all the mud."

Bradford, who entered the game batting .175, led ECCC at the plate with a 2-for-2 night that also saw him hit by a pair of pitches in addition to receiving a walk. The Warriors had only six hits, but received nine walks.

Comans tossed 3 1/3 innings of relief to get the win, while Blackwell pitched the ninth to get his second save.

EMCC had seven hits, all of which were singles.

The Warriors, 12-15, will host Jones in a South Division doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday, while the Lions, 6-20, will host Northeast Mississippi in a North Division twinbill Saturday at 2 p.m.

"The big thing is, if we beat Jones, it gets us right back in the middle of the Region 23 race," Clark said.

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2001 Judges Cup

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

SAFE AND SOUND – East Mississippi Community College's Brandon Barrett slides safely into third base under the tag of East Central's Justin Reed Thursday night in the Judges Cup in Decatur.

WEEK OF 4-9-01

East Central drops two at Pearl River

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

POPLARVILLE — East Central dropped a pair of one-run South Division games at Pearl River Friday afternoon. Pearl River won 8-7 in the opener and 6-5 in the second game.

In the first game, the Wildcats scored twice in the first and second innings and three times in the third to grab an early 7-2 lead.

ECCC bounced back with two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth on an RBI-double by Monte Migliacio, and two in the top of seventh on a two-run double by Shawn Soulier to draw even at 7-7.

Eric Adkins led off the bottom of the seventh with a homer to give the Wildcats the win. He had hit a two-run homer in the third inning.

The Warriors outhit the Wildcats eight to five.

Mario Migliacio (2-2) took the loss with Chris Thompson (4-4) getting the win.

In the second game, Pearl River erased a 2-1 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the third inning with Adkins hitting a two-run double.

ECCC got both of its runs in the top of the third on a double by Turk Stovall.

A sacrifice fly by Stovall pulled the Warriors to within 4-3 in the top of the fifth only to have Pearl River tally twice in its half of the inning. One run scored on a bases-loaded hit batsman, while the second came home on a wild pitch.

The Warriors scored twice in the top of the seventh on an RBI-double by Lewis Bradford and an RBI-single by Kent Chamblee.

Jason Wooten (2-2) took the loss with Matt Magee (3-2) getting the win.

Both teams had six hits.

ECCC fell to 14-20 overall and 6-12 in the South Division. Pearl River improved to 15-20 and 8-8.

ECCC returns to action Tuesday at 3 p.m. in a South Division doubleheader with Copiah-Lincoln at Decatur.

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Members of the East Central Community College baseball team from Newton County are, from left, outfielder Dwight Brannon of Decatur, pitcher/first baseman Dustin McGee of Hickory, pitcher Corey Amis of Decatur, third baseman/catcher Josh Chaney of Little Rock, shortstop Josh Thoms of Newton, and pitcher Chris Comans of Newton. The Warriors split a doubleheader with Hinds, winning 3-0 and losing 6-5, beat East Mississippi 7-6, and swept Jones 9-6, 3-0 last week to improve to 14-15. (EC Photo)

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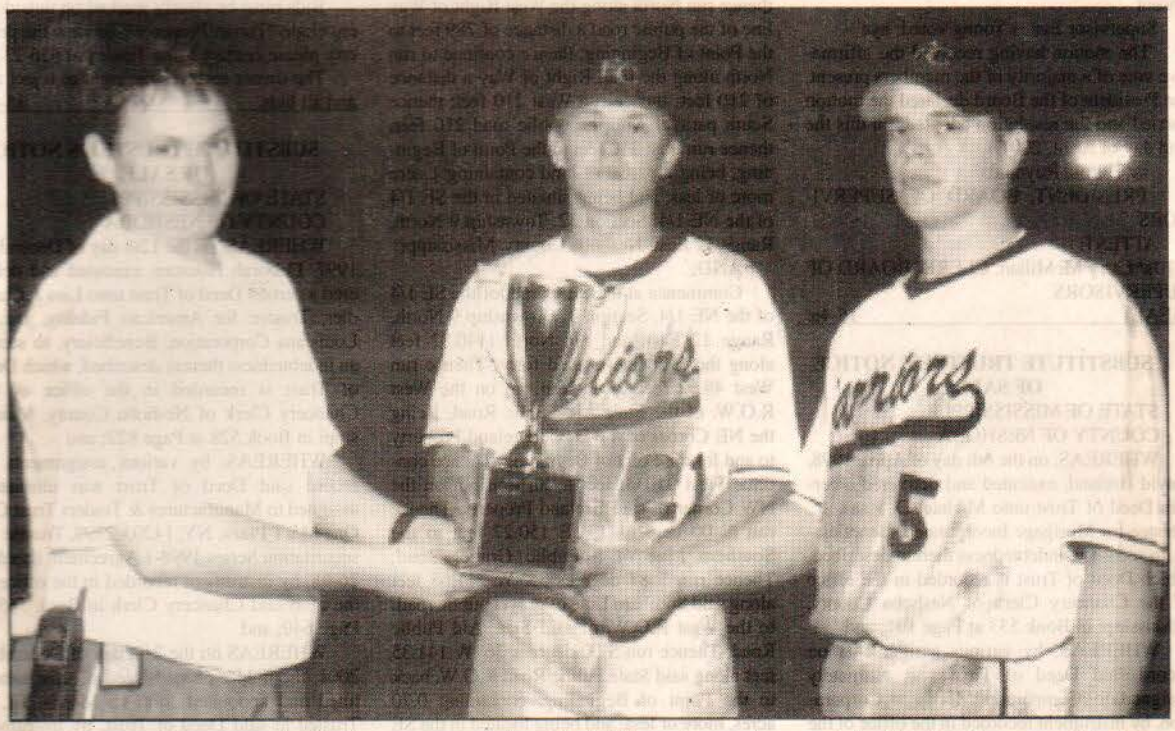

East Central Community College co-captains Turk Stovall, center, and Justin Reed accept the trophy for beating East Mississippi Community College 7-6 for the Judge's Cup from ECCC athletic trainer Joey McLeod.

ECCC sweeps Jones, takes Judge's Cup

From Special Reports

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors took a pair of contests from South Division foe Jones County Junior College on Saturday at Chris Gay IV Memorial Field on the Decatur campus.

ECCC won the first game 9-6 and took the second game 3-0.

Mario Migliacio moved his record to 3-0 on the year by winning the first game. He also had two singles in the contest.

Mario's twin, Monte, had three singles for the Warriors while Neshoba Central's Turk Stovall had two singles.

Jason Wooten was the winning pitcher in the second game for ECCC, which moved to 14-16 overall and 6-8 in the South with the sweep. Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy had a single in each of the two games.

ECCC took a 7-6 win over East Mississippi thanks to a grand slam off the bat of freshman Lewis Bradford.

Stovall played strong defense for ECCC in the game, while also singling and scoring East Central's first run.

Chamblee made a key sliding grab for East Central in the eighth inning and also scored the winning run.

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2001 ECCC Diamond Girls

Members of the East Central Community College Diamond Girls for the 2000-2001 term are (front row, from left) Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, Molly addkison and Katie Bourland, both of Winston Academy; Jessica Sistrunk and Amanda Nazary, both of Edinburg; Somer Gilmer of Carthage and LeAnn Earls of East Rankin Academy; (second row, from left) Kelli Harris of Newton County, Spring Woods of Winston Academy, Hayley Ingram of Philadelphia, Jerri Lynn Frey of Louisville, Nicole Nicholson of Neshoba Central, Kristin Nicholson of Newton County Academy and Bevin Rieger of Pearl; and (back row, from left) Keri Keith of Newton County, Nikki Pearson of Louisville, Whitney Westberry of Forest, Rebecca Murray of Lake, Wendy Huff of Morton, Brandy Stone of Edinburg, Megan Tramill of Newton and Amanda Varner of Brandon. Christi Lee serves as sponsor.

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WEEK OF 4-23-01

ECCC stays in hunt for playoffs

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Warriors go into some key baseball games this week with an overall record of 18-23, but still find themselves in the hunt for a spot in the Region 23 Tournament.

East Central must sweep Hinds Community College on Saturday and then hope Jones loses three of its last four games for the Warriors to earn a spot in the prestigious event.

ECCC won three of four South Division games last week just to stay in the hunt.

East Central split a pair of games with Copiah-Lincoln Community College on Tuesday, before sweeping Southwest Mississippi on Saturday.

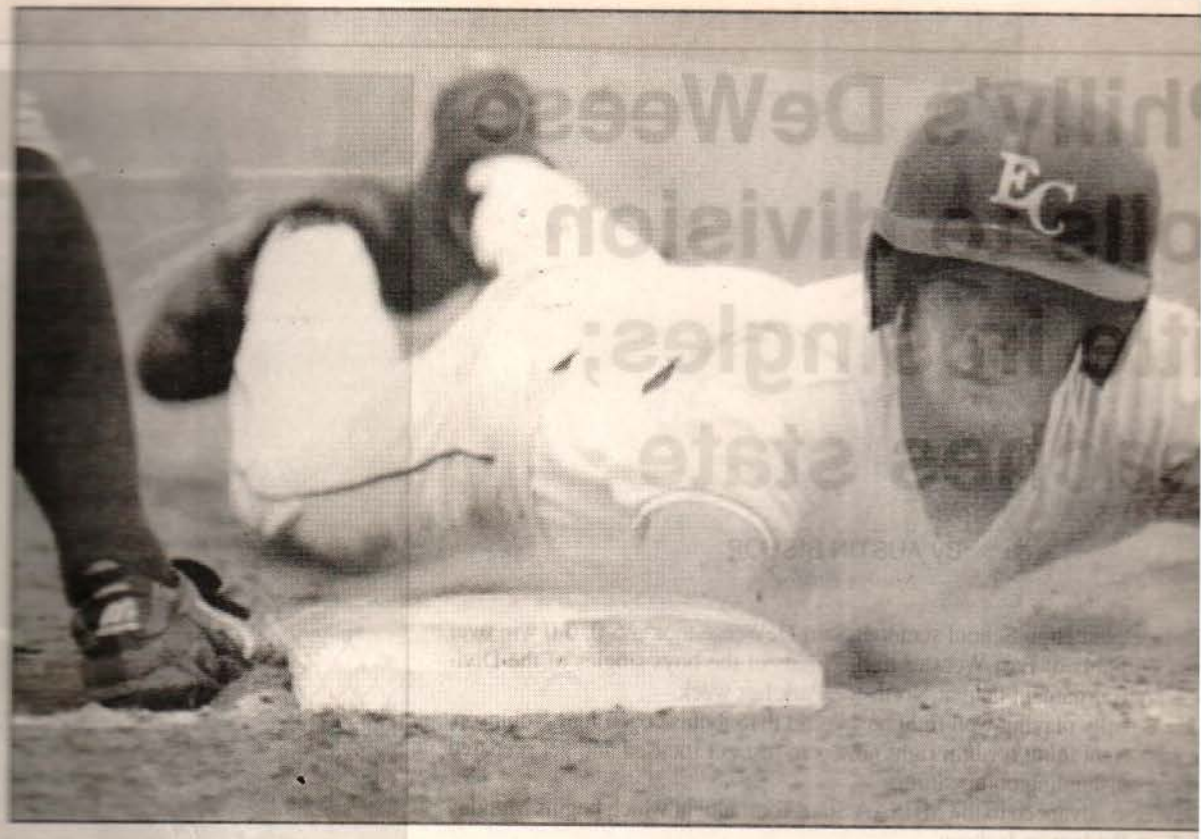

Photo by Travis Miller

Kent Chamblee of East Central Community College dives back into first base against Southwest Mississippi on Saturday afternoon.

East Central beat Co-Lin 6-5 in the opener, then fell 5-3 in the nightcap.

On Saturday, ECCC edged the Bears 9-6 then came back for a 7-2 win to move the Warriors to 9-13 overall.

East Central then went on to beat East Mississippi 8-3 in a single game on Sunday before dropping two games to Itawamba by the scores of 12-1 and 9-2 on Monday.

One of the sparkplugs down the stretch for ECCC has been Lew Bradford.

He banged out a pair of homers Saturday's doubleheader.

The Region Tournament will played at MCC's Scaggs Field.

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WEEK OF April 23, 2001

East Central downs rival EMCC, 8-3

East Central Community College scored two runs each in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings to knock off homestanding East Mississippi 8-3 in junior college baseball action from late Sunday.

The Warriors trailed 2-1 after two innings of play, but held the Lions scoreless until the bottom of the eighth.

The Warriors, who got three hits from former Neshoba Central standout Turk Stovall, outhit East Mississippi 14-7.

Shawn Soulier added three hits for the Warriors, while Mário Miglacio had two. Stovall had a triple among his three hits.

For EMCC, which fell to 9-30, Josh Buckley smoked a single and a double, while Ben Earnest and Brandon Barrett added a pair of hits apiece.

Ex-Newton County High standout Corey Amis was the winning pitcher, while former Louisville star Darian Dotson was hit with the loss.

EMCC is set to host Holmes Wednesday for its next action. The North Division doubleheader is set to begin at 1 p.m.

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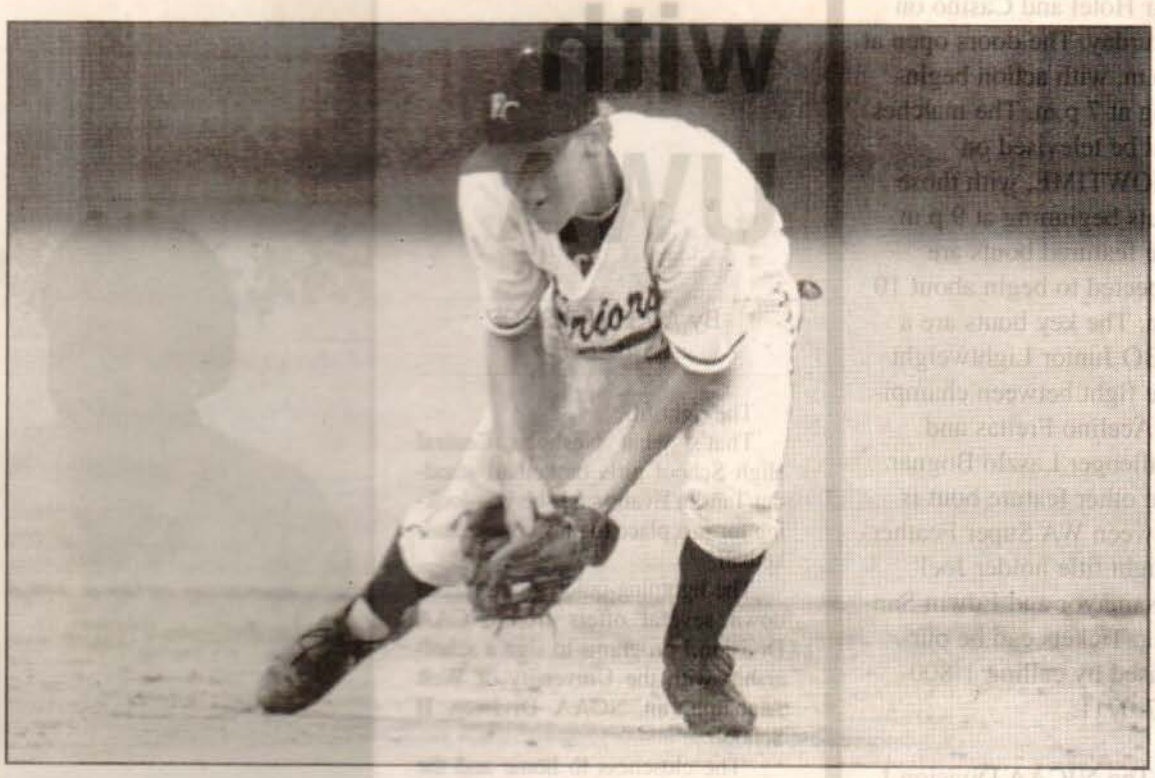

Photo by Travis Mitchell

Former Neshoba Central standout Turk Stovall makes a play for East Central Community College in a recent game.

ECCC fails to make tourney

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

An up-and-down season came to an end on a disappointing note last week as the East Central Community College baseball team failed to qualify for the Region 23 Tournament.

After losing several key games early, the Warriors were a long shot at making the event at best, but made a run over the last two weeks, only to have Jones County Junior College hang on to take the second spot out of the South Division.

One of the athletes playing a key role in ECCC's late-season run was former Neshoba Central standout Turk Stovall.

Taking first in the South was Gulf Coast.

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SYKES INKS WITH ECCC - Newton High School baseball standout Stephan Sykes is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Sykes, a 5-11, 157-pound infielder/outfielder, batted .368 during the Tigers' 2001 campaign. In recognition of his outstanding season, Sykes was named to the All-District squad. In addition, he has twice received the team's hustle award. Shown with the future Diamond Warrior during the recent signing ceremony are his parents, Grady and Tonya Sykes, and (standing from left) Jake Yarborough, ECCC Assistant baseball coach and Eddy Pierce, NHS head baseball coach. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 7, 2001

Photo by Travis Mitchell

Philadelphia High School baseball standout Ty Culpepper signs a scholarship with East Central Community College as his mother, Tanya, and father, Don look on. Also pictured are, back row from left, ECCC assistant coach Jake Yarbrough and Philadelphia head coach Scott Hill.

Culpepper signs with ECCC

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

Philadelphia High School baseball standout Ty Culpepper has signed a scholarship to play for East Central Community College next season.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pounder hit over .400 for PHS this season and Philly coach Scott Hill estimates he has hit 15 homers over his career.

"Any time you hit that many homers you have a little pop in your bat for sure," Hill said.

Culpepper joins Philly teammates Caleb Breland and William Mars, who have also signed with ECCC.

"He is very versatile, especially defensively," Hill said of Culpepper. "He can play a number of different positions. He has got a good arm and has good mobility."

Hill said East Central may take a look at converting Culpepper into a catcher. He has played some catcher at PHS, but spent most of his time at first, third and in the outfield.

He is also a pitcher, but has had a few arm problems which kept him off the mound some.

"If his arm comes back to full strength I think he could possibly go back to the mound." Hill said.

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WEEK OF 7/23/01

Jamie Clark's fight over

by Marty Stamper

Jamie Clark, East Central Community College head baseball coach for 14 years, lost his battle with cancer last week.

Diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in mid-January, Clark died last Wednesday night at his home in Decatur.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Burial was in Caile Cemetery in Belzoni.

Clark, 49, had led the ECCC baseball program since the fall of 1987.

ECCC was 5-57 on the diamond the two years prior to his arrival.

In 1995, the Warriors went 30-19 for the program's first 30-win season in school history.

The 1996 Warriors started a string of five straight appearances in the Region 23 Division I Tournament as they turned in a 31-21 mark.

The 1997 squad qualified for ECCC's first appearance in the MACJC state tournament and finished state runner-up to Gulf Coast. In the tournament at Perkinston, ECCC defeated Mississippi Delta, Itawamba, and Gulf Coast, while losing to Delta and Gulf Coast.

The '97 team's 40-18 showing set a school record for wins that still stands.

The Clark Years

1988 2001

1988	17-25	1996	31-21
1989	20-19	1997	40-18
1990	22-21-1	1998	32-22
1991	20-20	1999	28-27
1992	29-19	2000	20-29
1993	29-15	2001	19-27
1994	28-20		
1995	30-19	**Total**	**365-302-1**

Clark led the Warriors to their only state championship in 1998. ECCC swept through the tournament at Scooba undefeated, beating East Mississippi 13-6, and Gulf Coast twice, 9-7 and 15-8.

The 1999 team finished third in the state tournament at Perkinston before placing second in the Region 23 Tournament at Meridian.

Clark career leaves him as ECCC's all-time winningest coach with a 365-302-1 record.

He was a graduate of West Point High School and Delta State University.

Clark is survived by his wife, Audrey, daughter, Nicki, and sons, Billy, Kevin, and Daniel.

Jamie Clark

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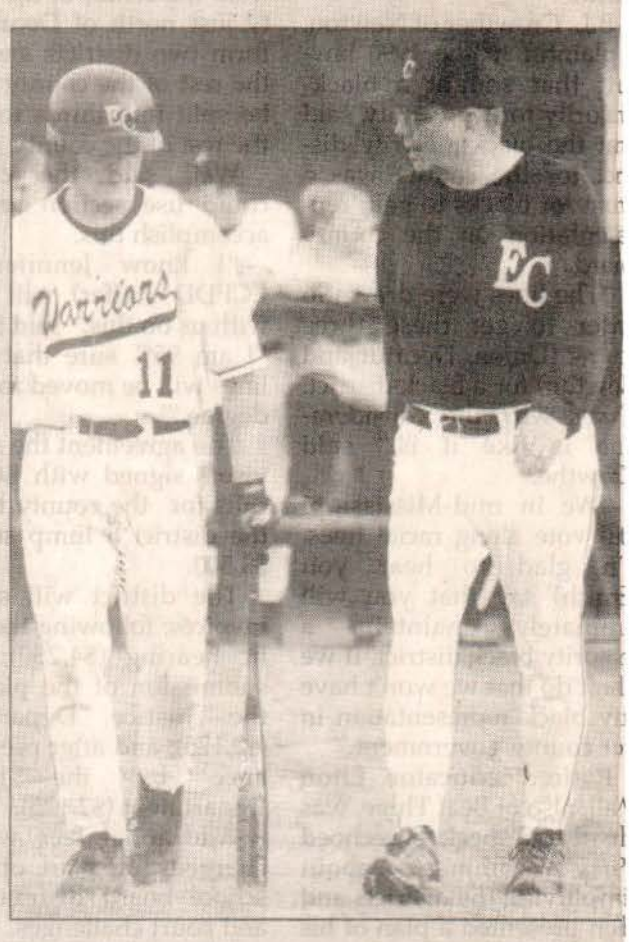

A word of advice

East Central Community College head baseball coach Jamie Clark, at right, talks with third baseman Josh Chaney between innings during a Valentine's Day doubleheader with Northwest. Clark lost his battle with cancer last week. His 365 wins are the most for an East Central coach regardless of the sport.

WEEK OF 7/30/01

Mario Thomas, a former standout athlete at Forest High School, has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball at East Central Community College in Decatur. Thomas, a 5-8, 165-pound pitcher/shortstop, posted a 4-1 mark on the mound and had a 2.15 ERA for the 2001 Diamond Bearcats who advanced to the second round of the State Class 3A Playoffs before ending season action with an 18-9 record. Thomas was also effective at the plate, as her posted a .348 batting average. In recognition of his outstanding season, Thomas was named to the All-State, All-District and All-County teams. In addition, he was selected to the Meridian Star's All-Area Team. He was also chosen the Bearcats' most valuable player. The new Diamond Warrior is shown during a recent singing ceremony on the ECCC campus with his mother, Ledora Benton, and his niece, Onah Cross, and (standing from left) Allan Atkison, FHS head baseball coach, and Jake Yarborough, ECCC assistant baseball coach.

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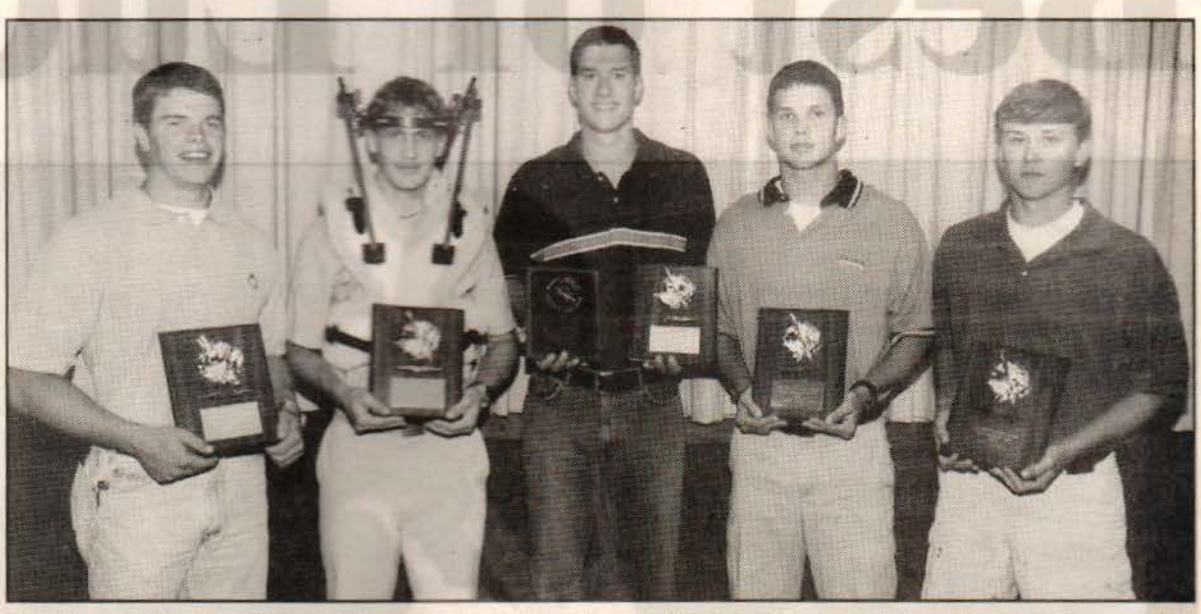
Award Winners



Members of the East Central Community College baseball team who received post-season honors following the 2001 campaign included, from left, Justin Reed of Louisville, exemplary player of the year; Hal Thompson of West Point, best offensive player; Mario Migliacio of Plaquemine, La., best defensive player, All-Region 23 and All-State; Lewis Bradford of Scott Central High School, most improved; and Turk Stovall of Neshoba Central, most valuable player.

The photo at left shows recipients of team honors presented at The East Central Community College basketball awards banquet. They are, seated from left, Winfred Craig of Louisville, most improved; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, newcomer of the year; and Joe Copeland of Emerson, Ark., best defensive player and permanent team captain. Back row are, from left, Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Warrior award; and James Denson of Choctaw Central, best rebounder and best offensive player.

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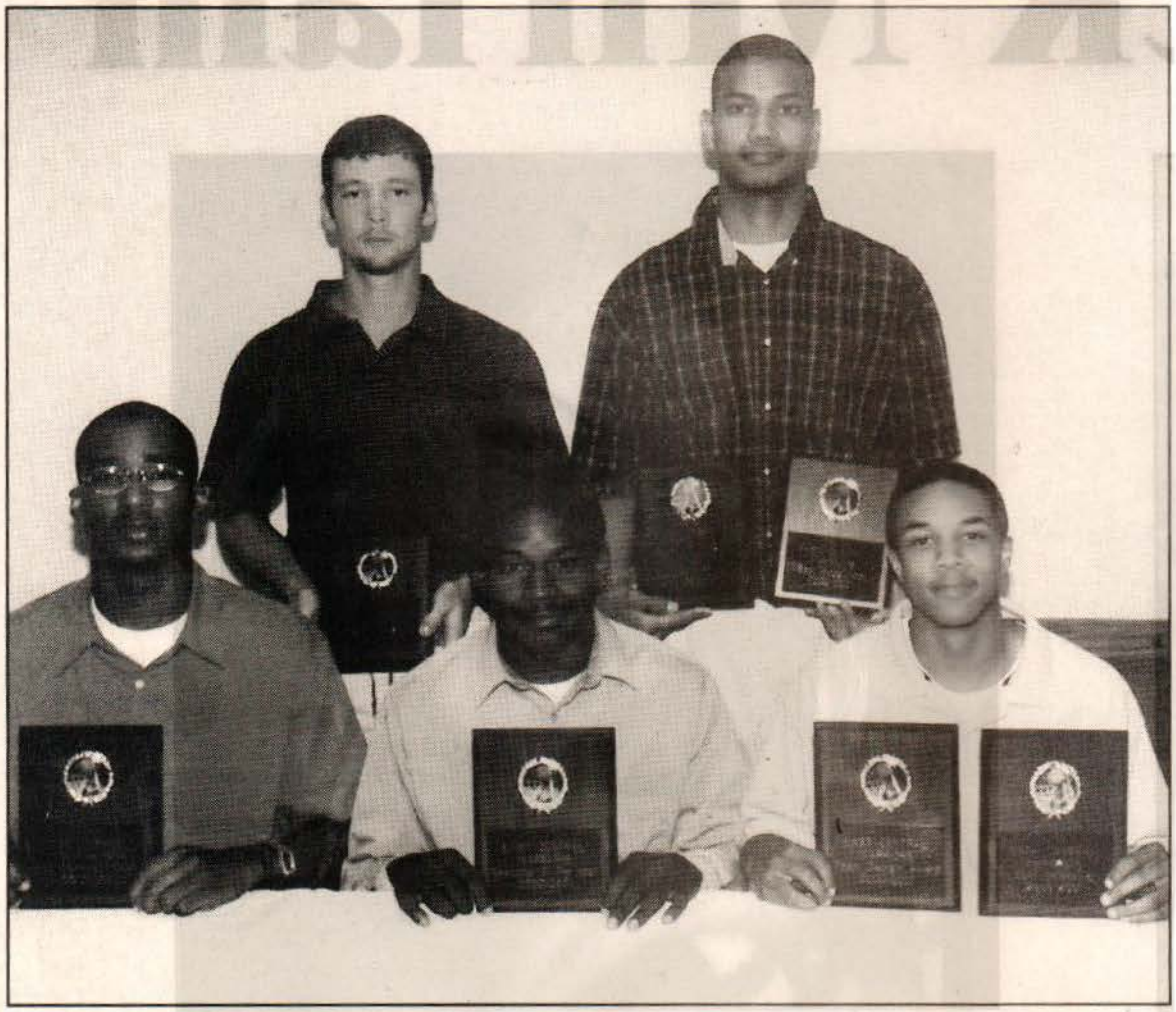

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WEEK OF Aug 13

ECCC inks hurler from Louisiana

Brian Spillers, a former baseball standout at Mangham (La.) High School, has signed a letter-of-intent with East Central Community College.

Spillers, a 5-foot-8, 160-pound pitcher/outfielder, batted .360 and hit four home runs this past season for the Class 1A Dragons who advanced to second-round action of the state playoffs en route to a 15-6 record.

A southpaw, Spillers posted a 3-2 mark on the mound.

Following the 2001 campaign, Spillers was named to the All-State and All-Northeastern District honorable mention squads. He was also chosen district most valuable player.

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WEEK OF Aug 20

Yarborough Interim Head ECCC Baseball Coach

Jake Yarborough has been named by the East Central Community College Board of Trustees to serve as interim head baseball coach, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Yarborough served the past year as an assistant to head coach Jamie Clark, who lost his battle with cancer earlier this summer.

Priot to joining the ECCC staff, Yarborough served as head baseball coach at Taylorsville High School. He is also a former graduate assistant baseball coach at Delta State University. In addition,he is a former assistant coach at Union High School and was a student assistant at ECCC.

He is a graduate of Union High School, ECCC, and DSU, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in physical education.

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WEEK OF Aug 27

JAKE YARBOROUGH - has been named by the East Central Community College board of trustees to serve as interim head coach, announced President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Yarborough served the past year as an assistant to Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark, who lost his battle with cancer in July. A graduate of Union High School, ECCC and DSU, he previously was head baseball coach at Taylorsville High, reaching state play-offs and is a former assistant coach at Union High and was a volunteer coach assistant at ECCC.

PATRICK ROBEY - of Taylorsville was recently named assistant baseball coach at East Central Community College announced Jake Yarborough, interim head coach. In addition to coaching duties, he will provide assistance in the Student Service area. Robey, who continues to serve as a scout for the Colorado Rockies professional baseball team, is a former graduate assistant coach at Delta State University. Prior to this, he played professional baseball with the Jackson Diamond Kats. The Taylorsille High standout played baseball at Jones County Junior College and Delta State, named All Conference shortstop. He received the team's most valuable player award in 1999. He held membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Delta State and JCJC.

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WEEK OF Aug 31

Robey joins baseball staff at EC

From Special Reports

DECATUR — Patrick Robey of Taylorsville has been named assistant baseball coach at East Central Community College.

In addition to his coaching duties, Robey will provide assistance in the Student Service area. Robey will be working with ECCC interim head baseball coach Jake Yarborough.

Robey

Robey, who will continue to serve as a scout for the Colorado Rockies professional baseball team, is a former graduate assistant coach at Delta State University, where he was infield/hitting instructor and provided assistance in managing the pitching staff.

Prior to joining the Delta State staff, Robey played professional baseball with the Jackson DiamondKats of the Texas-Louisiana League.

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East Cent. clobbers Coahoma

An offense that sputtered for just seven points in the season opener finally got clicking Saturday afternoon as East Central's Warriors posted a 38-8 thumping of Coahoma in a non-division matchup at Clarksdale.

East Central, which improved to 1-1, crossed the goal line in all four quarters against the Tigers.

Any hopes Coahoma had for a rally was snuffed out in the second half, as East Central rolled to a 24-0 lead before the Tigers got their only score early in the final stanza. The Warriors answered with two quick tallies to seal the win.

It was the Warrior defense that gave East Central its first tally, as Josh Viverette blocked UaRelaro Smith's punt and Jonathan Hope scooped up the pigskin and scored from eight yards out with 12:22 left in the first quarter. Danny Haynes made the first of his five PATs.

East Central extended its lead with just under five minutes left before halftime, when Ramon Williams crossed the goal line on his four-yard burst.

Patrick Prince, who led the Warriors in rushing with 102 yards on 11 carries, got into the scoring act when he took a pitch 37 yards with 7:36 left.

A 42-yard field goal by Haynes late in the third period extended EC's lead to 24-0.

Coahoma got its only points early in the fourth on Anthony Fizer's 23-yard scamper. Fizer added the two-point run.

East Central responded to the Tiger touchdown by taking the ensuing kickoff and marching 60 yards to pay dirt. Ananias McBride capped the 11-play march with his one-yard plunge.

McBride gained 34 of his 74 total yards during the scoring drive. Michael Lee led EC with 61 yards on three catches.

East Central's final score came from Williams, whose second tally of the afternoon was a 12-yard run with just under a minute remaining.

East Central had 279 yards rushing and 82 yards passing for a 361 total. Zbydniewski completed 6-of-12 passes.

Coahoma had 67 yards rushing and 163 yards passing.

Melvin Cotton led EC with seven solo tackles and three assists. Keith Curry had three tackles and three assists.

Program honors USA

A program of patriotic music is scheduled during pre-game activities for this Thursday's football game between East Central and Gulf Coast, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president.

The special tribute, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is being held in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks on America.

Participating in the program will be Leesa Wilkinson, music keyboard instructor who

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will perform a special arrangement of America the Beautiful and provide accompaniment, and Ross Price, vocal instructor, who will lead in the singing of God Bless America. Fans will be asked to join in the singing of the national anthem performed by the Warrior Wall O' Sound, directed by Thomas W. Carson. Public address announcer Frank Edmondson will lead in reciting the pledge of allegiance. The Rev. Billy Owen, pastor of Decatur United Methodist Church, will give the invocation.

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WEEK OF 19 Nov

ECCC names baseball stadium after Clark

East Central Community College in Decatur has named its baseball stadium in memory of former head coach Jamie Clark, who died in July after losing a six-month battle to cancer.

Jamie Clark

A ceremony to officially dedicate "Jamie Clark Stadium" will be held at the first home game of the 2002 season. Also at that time, Clark's jersey number "41" will be retired.

The Diamond Warriors' home opener is scheduled for Feb. 18 against East Mississippi at 1 p.m.

Clark, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor prior to the 2001 season, led the Diamond Warriors to their only state championship in 1998. He guided EC to a 365-301-1 overall mark during his 14-year tenure.

Efforts to name the baseball stadium in Clark's honor were led by Ricky Harrison, Warrior Club president; Jake Yarborough, Diamond Warrior head coach and former Clark assistant; and Larry Blackburn, former EC staff member. The proposal was approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its Nov. 13 meeting.

In addition to naming the baseball stadium, Harrison said various projects are planned as memorials to Clark and will be completed when funds are available.

Contributions may be sent to the Jamie Clark Memorial Fund, The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

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The Warrior baseball field is named in memory of former team member Chris Gay IV of Meridian. Gay and classmate Mandy Chamblee of Philadelphia were killed in an automobile accident during the 1987 fall semester.

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WEEK OF 1/1/01

ECCC Hosts Itawamba To Begin 2001 Competition

DECATUR--Basketball season resumes this Thursday for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors who will take on Itawamba Community College squads in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Tip-off for women's action is scheduled for 6 p.m. with the men's game getting underway at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The Lady Warriors sport a 9-2 overall mark and are 1-0 in South Division competition. The East Central women were ranked 23rd in the national juco poll prior to the Christmas holiday break. The Warriors are 7-5 overall and 0-1 in league play.

Home games are also scheduled for Monday, January 8 when the Lady Warriors and Warriors take on division foe Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

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WEEK OF 6/4/01

Receive ECCC Women's Basket-ball Team Awards

DECATUR--Recipients of team honors presented at the East Central Community College basketball awards banquet included (seated, from left) Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, Lady Warrior award; Margo Porter of Louisville, best offensive player and most valuable player; and Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala., and Nicole Cox of Lake, permanent team captains; and (standing, from left) Alberta Norman of Newton, best defensive player; Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La., "Newcomer of the Year," and Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia, best rebounder. The Lady Warriors are coached by Sammy Pace (head) and Brad Hodge (assistant). (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 21, 2001

ECCC sports awards

Recipients of spring sports awards at East Central Community College were recently recognized at ceremonies held on the campus.

In women's basketball, award winners include Margo Porter of Louisville, All Region 23, All State, All Star, most valuable player and best offensive player;

Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La., Newcomer of the Year;

Alberta Norman of Newton, best defensive player;

Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia, All Star, honorable mention All State, best rebounder;

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Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala., team co-captain;

Nicole Cox of Lake, All Region 23, All Star, team co-captain;

Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, Lady Warrior Award.

The Lady Warriors, coached by the retiring Sammy Pace (head) and Brad Hodge, won the Region 23 Championship and finished season action with a 22-7 record. Coach Pace was also named Region 23 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year.

In men's basketball, award winners were:

Winfred Craig of Louisville, most improved;

Markeith Brown of Jackson Prowine, Newcomer of the Year;

James Denson of Choctaw Central, best rebounder and best offensive player;

Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Warrior Award;

Joe Copeland of Emerson, Ark., team captain, best defensive player, All Star and honorable mention All State.

The Warriors, coached by Jay Bowen (head), Brad Hodge (assistant) and Todd Brand (assistant), completed the season with a 12-14 record.

In baseball, award winners included Mario Migliacio of Plaquermine, La., best defensive player, All Region 23 and All State;

Lewis Bradford of Scott Central High School, most improved;

Justin Reed of Louisville, Exemplary Player of the Year;

Hal Thompson of West Point, best offensive player; and Turk Stovall of Neshoba Central, most valuable player.

The Diamond Warriors, coached by Jamie Clark (head) and Jake Yarborough, finished season action with a 19-27 mark and were 9-15 in the South Division.

In fast-pitch softball, award winners were:

Amy Jones and Ashley, both of Forest, and Holly Turner of South Choctaw (Ala.) Academy, team co-captains;

Emily Casey of Union, most valuable player and best offensive player;

Sommer Averett of Union, All State;

Kim McMillon of Leake Academy, best defensive player.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, coached by Mike Anderson, completed their first season of fast-pitch competition with a 20-20 overall record and were 7-17 in South Division action.

Award winners in men's tennis were Kris Amis, most improved, and Ty Anderson, Warrior Award; both are from Newton County High School.

In women's tennis, awards were presented to Katy Bourland of Winston Academy, most improved; Brandy Burnett of Louisville, Lady Warrior Award; and Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy, most valuable player. The Lady Warriors finished fifth in the state tournament. Jay Bowen serves as tennis coach.

In golf, Jeremy Stevens of Newton County High School was named most valuable player. Stevens was also selected All Region 23 and will compete in the NJCAA Division III Golf Tournament scheduled in New York in June.

Joe Clark, who recently announced retirement plans, is concluding 30 years of service as ECCC golf coach. Coach Clark was named MACJC Golf Coach of the Year following the 2001 campaign and was recognized by the state association for his many years of service.

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WEEK OF May 14, 2001

ECCC's Pace retires; Hodge named coach

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

DECATUR — There has been a changing of the guard at East Central Community College.

Legendary ECCC women's basketball coach and athletic director Sammy Pace has announced his retirement, after 16 years on the job.

Pace, who led the Lady Warriors to the NJCAA Women's National Tournament this year, said that this year was a perfect time to retire.

He said he had already planned on retiring even before his team won the Region 23 Tournament and advanced to the nationals, but that the team's success was certainly icing on the cake.

"It will always be something I will remember," Pace said.

Terry Underwood

Pace will be followed by Brad Hodge, who was named interim women's head coach.

The new athletic director will be ECCC head football coach Terry Underwood.

Hodge has served as an assistant for the men's and women's teams the past two seasons.

Prior to coming to East Central, he was an assistant men's coach at Northeast Louisiana University (1997-1999) and was at Athens (Ala.) State for the two years prior to that.

Brad Hodge

Hodge is a graduate of Russellville (Ala.) High School and attended both Athens State and NLU.

Hodge will officially begin his new duties on July 1.

Underwood, who has led the ECCC football team to a 17-14 record over the last three seasons, will also take over the duties of athletic director on July 1.

Underwood joined the East Central football staff as an assistant for Willie Coats in 1995.

He also served as an assistant at both Pearl River Community College and Jones County Junior College.

Underwood attended Seminary High School before graduating from Jones County Junior College and Delta State University.

Before coming to East Central, Pace was the head girls basketball coach at Sebastopol High School.

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WEEK OF 4/30/01

QUALLS INKS WITH ECCC - Newton High School standout basketball player Mario Qualls has signed a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Qualls, a 6'1" point guard/shooting guard/forward, averaged 18.9 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and three steals per game for the Tigers. He was also successful on 80 percent of his attempts fromteh free throw line. In recognition of his outstanding season, Qualls was named All-State, All-South State and All-District 7-2A. Shown with Qualls during a recent signing ceremony are his parents (Lillian and Jerry Curry) and (standing form left) Jay Bowen, ECCC men's head basketball coach' Ed McGowan, NHS boys' basketball coach; and Wayne McDill, NHS principal. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-23-01

East Central Community College's Sammy Pace was named Region 23 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year after leading his Lady Warriors to the region crown and a berth in the national tournament held in Salina, Kansas. Pace, who also serves as athletic director and sociology instructor, guided the ECCC women to a 22-7 overall mark. (EC Photo)

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Photo by Travis Mitchell

Crystal Lewis and Melinda Ben, seated, signed basketball scholarships to play for East Central Community College. Pictured with Lewis and Ben are, standing from left, ECCC head women's coach Sammy Pace, ECCC assistant Brad Hodge, Chad Lewis, Janis Shumake, Mark Ben and Choctaw Central High School head girls coach Willis Tullos.

Lewis, Ben sign with ECCC

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

A pair of Choctaw Central High School basketball standouts have signed letters-of-intent to play for East Central Community College next season.

ECCC head women's coach Sammy Pace said that both Crystal Lewis and Melinda Ben will bring a lot to his squad.

"I think that it is always important to sign players from programs that are winners," Pace said. "Because if you sign players from programs that are losers, regardless of their talent, they might not have just the know how to come in and be a winner right away.

"In our program we don't ask players to win, we demand them to."

Lewis hit for 16.4 points a game last season, while also dishing out 5.4 assists. Ben scored 14.8 points and had 11.7 boards a contest.

Choctaw Central went 31-7 last year.

"I'm just glad that they have this opportunity," said CCHS head girls coach Willis Tullos. "They have worked four years and done a tremendous job for us. They have given us everything we have ever asked for."

Tullos said the way Choctaw Central plays basketball — full-court and wide-open — will help both Ben and Lewis.

"I think it gives them an opportunity to show people what they can do and might even pull out some things that wouldn't be pulled out from a walk up and down the floor game," Tullos said.

While Ben had to play the post for CCHS, Tullos said there is much more to her game than just posting up and hitting the boards.

"Melinda can step outside and play," Tullos said. "She was probably the third best three-point

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WEEK OF April 23, 2001

BOGAN SIGNS WITH ECCC - Newton County High School standout basketball player Lakelia Bogan has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College, Decatur. Bogan, a 6'3 center, averaged 12 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots per game in helping lead the Lady Cougars to a 27-5 record. In recognition of her outstanding season, Boggan was named honorable mention All-District and was selected best defensive player. Joining Bogan at the recent signing ceremony are her mother Roshell Bogan, seated at left, and head coach Richard Harris, seated at right, and standing from left - NCHS Asst. Coach Mac Fanning and Larry French, and ECCC Lady Warrior Head Coach Sammy Pace.

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WEEK OF April 23, 2001

FOLEY SIGNS WITH ECCC – Newton County High School standout basketball player Tameikia Foley has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College, Decatur. Foley, a 5'9 forward, averaged 25 points, eight rebounds, three steals and three assists per game in helping lead the Lady Cougars to a 27-5 record. In recognition of her outstanding season, Foley was named All-District and was selected most valuable player and best offensive player. Joining Foley at the recent signing ceremony are her mother, Annie Broach (seated at left), head coach Richard Harris, seated right, and standing from left- NCHS assistant coaches Mac Fanning and Larry French, and ECCC Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace.

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WEEK OF 4-23-01

East Central All-Stars

East Central Community College Lady Warriors(from left) Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia; Margo Porter of Louisville and Nicole Cox of Lake; and Warrior Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas were among those who participated in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Basketball game held recently at Choctaw Central High School. Udicova was also named most valuable player of the South squad, which defeated the North Team 91-88. Cox was recently chosen All-Region and first team All-State. Porter was selected All-Region and was named to the second Team All-State. Copeland was named to the Honorable Mention all-State Team. The North men claimed a 93-85 victory over the South. Sponsors for the All-Star games included Brown Bottling Company/Pepsi Cola; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Silver Star Resort and casino; and East Central Community College.(EC Photo)

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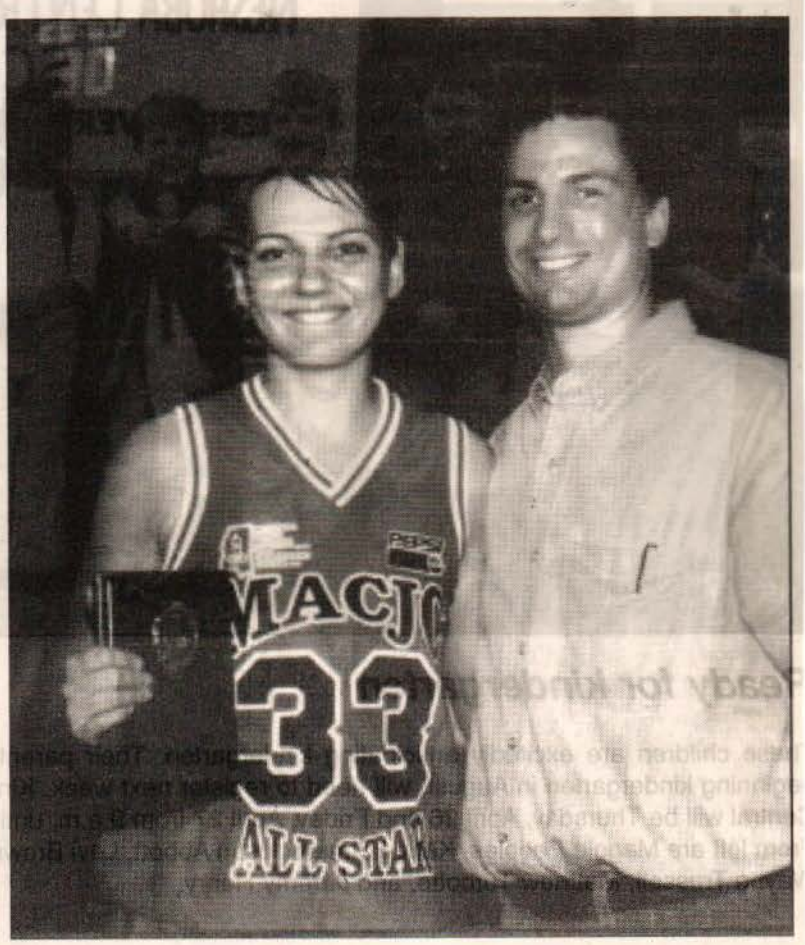
WEEK OF 4-16-01

MVP

East Central Community College Lady Warrior Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia was named Most Valuable Player of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Game as she helped the South team to a 91-88 victory. She is pictured with ECCC assistant coach Brad Hodge.



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WEEK OF 4-9-01

ECCC's Udicova named MVP following South All-Stars' 91-88 Win

East Central Community College basketball standout Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, scored 11 points and helped lead the South All-Stars to a 91-88 squeaker over the North Friday night in the 24th annual MACJC All-Star Women's Basketball Game held at Choctaw Central High School gym.

Udicova, a University of Southern Mississippi signee, garnered most valuable player honors in recognition of her efforts. Also aiding the South cause were Udicova's teammates, Margo Porter of Louisville and Nicole Cox of Lake, who tallied eight and six points, respectively.

Other point makers for the winning squad were Tomekia Reed, 20, of Hinds; Denise Catchings, 11, of Copiah-Lincoln; Tammika Sims, nine and Jeanelle McMillan, seven, both of Jones; Tiffany Dales, seven, of Copiah-Lincoln; Jessica Pucheu, six, of Pearl River; Shanel Handy, five, of Gulf Coast; and Brenda Alexander, one, of Southwest.

The South women were coached by Ed Walley of Pearl River.

Tamica Pierce of Northeast led the North with 17 points. Keela Ball of Itawamba and Kimberly Davis of East Mississippi each had 13 points, with Rhonda Cooper of Northwest, Tesha Blue of Delta and Janna LaBarreare of Northeast adding nine points apiece. Other scorers were Latasha Sumerall and Roshonda Kilbert of Holmes, who had six points each, and Fraddia Jackson of Coahoma, Crystal Boyland of Northwest and Denita Ruff of Itawamba, each with two points.

Richard Ford of Northeast coached the North squad.

The South led 46-45 at halftime.

In the men's game, the North All-Stars rallied for a 93-85 decision behind MVP Ramon Gary's 17 points. The South held a 46-34 advantage at halftime.

In addition to Gary, an Itawamba standout, other scorers were Derrick Scales, 12, of Jones; Kory McKee of Hinds and James Singleton of Pearl River, eight each; Barry Whitley, six, of Copiah-Lincoln; Robert Green, five, of Southwest; Taboris Lindsey of Pearl River and Rod Haynes of Copiah-Lincoln, four each; and Brandon Dickerson, two, of Copiah-Lincoln.

Richard Mathis of Pearl River served as head coach. Mathis was also recognized as MACJC men's coach of the year. Gwyn Young of Copiah-Licoln was selected as the women's top coach.

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'Todd Hall' team is EC intramural runner-up

A team called "Todd Hall" won second-place honors in the annual intramural basketball competition held at east Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include(kneeling, from left) Rashard Anderson of Carthage, Cortney Fortune of Walnut grove, Marcus Jefferson of Louisville and Ferdinand Carter of Walnut Grove; and (standing, from left) Travares Osley of Birmingham, Alabama; Brian Johnson and Gewoski Hewitt, both of Walnut Grove; Donya Arman of Lena and Raefeun Hunter of Forest. Coach mike as director of the College's intramural program.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-2-01

EC represented in JUCO All-Star game

The state's top community and junior college basketball players will showcase their talents when the MACJC All-Star Basketball games tip-off Friday April 6 at the Choctaw Central High School gym near Philadelphia.

The women's game begins as 6 p.m. with men's action scheduled at 8 p.m. A men's slam-dunk contest will also be held during the halftime of the women's contest.

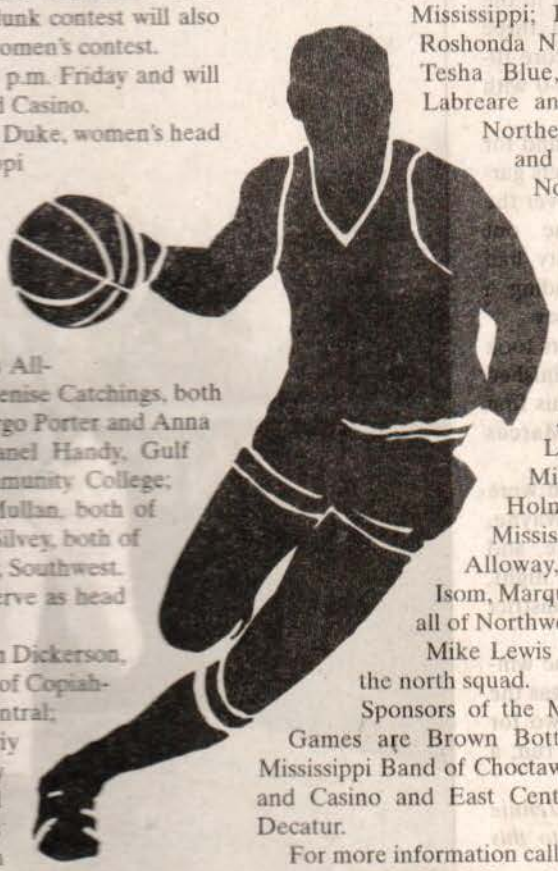
A free coaches clinic begins at 3 p.m. Friday and will be held at the Silver Star Resort and Casino.

Featured speakers are Paul Alan Duke, women's head basketball coach at Mississippi College; David Richardson, strength and conditioning coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe; and James Green, men's head basketball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Members of the South Women's All-Star squad are Tiffany Dales and Denise Catchings, both of Copiah-Lincoln; Nicole Cox, Margo Porter and Anna Udivoca, all of East Central; Shanel Handy, Gulf Coast; Tomekia Reed, Hinds Community College; Tammika Sims and Jeanaella McMullan, both of Jones; Jessica Pucheu and Lori DeSilvey, both of Pearl River; and Brenda Alexander, Southwest.

Ed Walley of Pearl River will serve as head coach of the south squad.

South men All-Stars are Brandon Dickerson, Barry Whitley and Rod Haynes, all of Copiah-Lincoln; Joe Copeland, East Central; Nerijus Lisauskas and Andriy Sukhotin, both of Gulf Coast; Kory McKee, Hinds; Derrick White and Omar Barlett, Both of Jones; James Singleton and Taboris Lindsey, both of Pearl River; and Robert Green, Southwest.



Richard Mathis of Pearl River will serve as head coach.

Members of the North women's All-Star squad are Fraddia Jackson, Coahoma; Keela Ball and Denita Ruff, both of Itawamba; Kim Davis, East Mississippi; Latasha L. Sumerall and Roshonda N. Kilbert, both of Holmes; Tesha Blue, Mississippi Delta; Jana Labreare and Tamica Pierce, both of Northeast; and Rhonda Cooper and Crystal Boyland, both of Northwest.

Ricky Ford of Northeast will serve as head coach.

North men All-Stars are Charles Thomas and Ephrem Simms, both of Coahoma, Ramon Gray, Dennis Buse and Thadd Jones, all of Itawamba; LaMario Mapp, East Mississippi; Rod Newton, Holmes; Derrick Scales, Mississippi Delta; Kendrick Alloway, Northeast; and Dennis Isom, Marquis Shead and David Draine, all of Northwest.

Mike Lewis will serve as head coach of the north squad.

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For more information call Sammy Pace, athletic director/women's basketball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur. Phone 1-877-462-3222, ext 243.

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Juco all-stars ready to converge on Choctaw Cen

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

Many of the state's top junior college sophomores will show off their skills when the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games are played Friday night at Choctaw Central High School.

Activities for the day begin at 9 a.m. with a coaches' golf outing at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club.

A free coaches' clinic begins at 3 p.m. at the Silver Star Resort and Casino. Featured speakers are Paul Alan Duke, head women's basketball coach at Mississippi College; David Richardson, strength and conditioning coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe; and James Green, head men's basketball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The women's game begins at 6 p.m. with the men's contest scheduled for 8. A slam dunk contest will be held during halftime of the women's game.

The games have really taken off since

Udicova

Porter

Cox

being moved to Choctaw Central four years ago, East Central Community College women's coach/athletic director Sammy Pace said.

"I think it has grown a lot," said Pace, who will be taking in his 16th all-star night. "I don't think there's any comparison.

"I think we have seen the crowd grow. We have certainly seen the number of senior colleges attending grow. We send out fliers to the general public and we send several hundred to senior colleges all over the Southeast, Midwest, North, and Northeast.

"I would bet that we will pretty much have a gym full, especially with it being on a Friday night.

"It is a visiting weekend for senior colleges, so a lot of them are bringing in recruits to their campuses and may not be there for the games."

Representing Region 23 champion East Central on the South women's team are Nicole Cox (14.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg), Margo Porter (16.3 ppg, 5.6 rpg), and Anna Udicova (12.0 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

Other South women are Tiffany Dales (13.4 ppg, 6.7 rpg) and Denise Catchings (8.9 ppg, 3.1 apg) of Copiah-Lincoln, Shanel Handy (11.6 ppg, 6.1 apg) of Gulf Coast, Tomekia Reed (19.9 ppg, 18.4 rpg) of Hinds, Tammika Sims (20.8 ppg, 10.5 rpg) and Jeannelle McMillian (10 ppg, 4 apg) of MACJC state champion Jones, Jessica Pucheu (11.3 ppg, 4 rpg) and Lori DeSilvey (10.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg) of Pearl River, and Brenda Alexander of Southwest.

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Richard Mathis of Pearl River is the South men's coach.

North men all-stars are LaMario Mapp (15 ppg, 6 apg) of East Mississippi, Charles Thomas (16 ppg, 4 apg) and Ephrem Simms (12 ppg, 6 rpg) of Coahoma, Ramon Gary (13 ppg, 4.5 apg), Dennis Buse (10 ppg, 4.5 apg), and Thadd Jones (9.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg) of Itawamba, Rod Newton (18.7 ppg, 4.8 rpg) of Holmes, Derrick Scales (10.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg) of Delta, Kendrick Alloway (15.3 ppg, 11.9 apg) of Northeast, and Dennis Isom (12 ppg, 8 rpg), Marquis Shead (14.6 ppg, 6.2 rpg), and David Draine (12.5 ppg, 5 rpg) of Region 23 champion Northwest.

Mike Lewis of Northeast is the North men's coach.

While the above players will participate in the two games, the event benefits sophomores who weren't chosen as well.

"We don't promote just the kids in the game, we promote other sophomores that didn't make the game that we think have senior college potential," Pace said. "We ask the coaches to send us information on all of their sophomores and we include it in a packet for the senior college coaches."

Sponsors of the games are Brown Bottling Company/ Pepsi Cola, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Silver Star Resort and Casino, and ECCC.

"We get a lot of support from the school at Choctaw Central.

"We get a lot of support from chief (Phillip) Martin and the tribe, and we get support in many ways from the casino who help make it possible... from the hotel to the chef," Pace said.

"Everybody up there is responsible for making this thing a success.

"(Choctaw Central principal) Randy Hodges, Clif Saunders... every one of them are just so helpful to us in making it a success.

"Brown Bottling-Pepsi Cola does a lot to help defray expenses

"We also get a lot of support from Philadelphia mayor Rayburn Waddell. They're behind us too and want this to stay in the Philadelphia area.

"We're just real pleased that we can have it there in a central part of the state where people can come and see some quality athletes that maybe are overlooked sometimes. Many of them are going on to play at senior colleges, some at major colleges.

"The fans may see some of them play on TV before long. That's happened in the past and I think it'll happen in the future."

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East Cent. falls to Arizona JC

After matching baskets for a 41-41 halftime score, number-two seeded Central Arizona College blistered the backboards the final 20 minutes and cruised to a 102-61 win over East Central Community College's Lady Warriors Thursday, March 22, in a consolation bracket matchup in the NJCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament at the Salina, Kansas, Bicentennial Center.

East Central, the number-10 seed and reigning Region 23 champions, finished season action with a 22-7 record, while the Vaqueras improved to 30-3.

Nikki Lacour led the Lady Warriors with 15 points. Also scoring were Nicole Cox, 13; Anna Udicova, 10 and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, three. Jessica Sanders of Edinburg also saw action.

The East Central women, after shooting 51.9 percent (14/27) from the field, 57.1 percent (4/7) from three-point range and 64.3 percent (9/14) from the free-throw line in the first-half, completed just five of 25 field goals (20 percent) in the final 20 minutes and were unsuccessful on four three-point attempts.

However, the Lady Warriors did fare well on the free-throw line, as they connected on 10-of-11 attempts (90.9 percent). For the game, EC made 19-of-52 field goals (36.5 percent), 4-of-11 three-point shots and 19-of-25 free-throws.

Maurin Strambler led Central Arizona with 25 points, followed by a 22-point effort from Ida Dotson.

During the first 20 minutes, the Vaqueras made 17 of 39 field goals (43.6 percent), six of eight treys (75 percent) and one of five free-throws (20 percent). But in the second half, Central Arizona improved to 65 percent (26 of 40) from the field, made five of six free throws (83.3 percent) and connected on four of seven three-point shots (57.1 percent).

Overall, the Vaqueras made 43 of 79 field goals (54.4 percent), 10 of 15 treys (66.7 percent) and six of 11 free throws (54. 5 percent).

Central Arizona outrebounded East Central by a 48-29 margin.

The East Central-Central Arizona matchup was set up after the Lady Warriors had earlier dropped a heart-breaking 74-73 loss to number-seven seeded Cloud County of Concordia, Kansas, and the Vaqueras fell 58-55 to Cincinnati (Ohio) State.

After 16 lead changes and six ties, Cloud County's Laura Herman put her team on top for good when she connected on a short jumper with 5.6 seconds left for the victory.

Cox led East Central with 23 points, Porter added 22 and Udicova finished with 15.

The Lady Warriors trailed 38-32 at the break.

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T-Birds / 21-8 edge at FT line

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game."

East Central's late 9-0 run that gave the Warriors the lead was the last of several prolonged scoring binges throughout the game.

Cloud County had a 19-3 run in the first half that East Central answered with a 16-5 surge. The T-Birds ended the half with an 8-0 run to lead 38-32 at the break.

Cloud County then used runs of 7-2 and 10-0 in the second half, but those were matched by Warrior spurts of 8-0, 7-0 and the late 9-0.

"That's what good teams do," said East Central coach Sammy Pace, who expressed displeasure with the officiating in the final minute. "We were 8 of 16 at the line and you don't win games like that at this level."

Cloud County won the rebounding battle (44-41) and outscored East Central 21-8 at the free throw line. That helped the T-Birds overcome East Central's 45.3 percent shooting (29 of 64). Cloud County shot 35.7 percent (25 of 70).

Cox led East Central with 23 points. Margo Porter added 22 and 6-2 center Anna Udicova 15 points and 12 rebounds.

N'Kiesa Richardson had 15 points, 11 in the second half, and 9 rebounds for Cloud County. Paulette Valentine had 13 points and 8 rebounds and Herman 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"I thought we gave great effort, like we have all year long," Erkenbrack said.

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Late basket sends Cloud past Warriors

Herman connects inside off a Tennal pass to spark T-Birds

By BOB DAVIDSON
The Salina Journal

With Tennal just wanted to make up for "two stupid shots."

She did just that, in the most dramatic fashion.

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Tennal found teammate Laura Herman open under the basket for a lay-in with seven seconds remaining in the game to propel Cloud County to a harrowing 74-73 victory over East Central Mississippi Tuesday night in a first-round game of the NJCAA Women's Tournament at the Bicentennial Center.

Cloud County (28-7) plays Cincinnati State at 8 p.m. today in the quarterfinals. Cincinnati State upset seventh-seeded Central Arizona 58-55 earlier in the day.

East Central (22-6) takes on Central Arizona in an elimination game at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Tennal, Cloud County's sensational freshman point guard, scored a game-best 30 points, but it was her fifth assist that allowed the Thunderbirds to prevail after they let a seven-point lead with under four minutes left dissolve into a two-point deficit with 1½ minutes left.

Trailing 73-72 in the waning seconds, Tennal missed a shot in the lane. The rebound rebounds with 9.9 seconds left.

Tennal took the inbounds pass and drove the lane again. When East Central's defense collapsed around her, she somehow found Herman open on the right side of the basket.

Herman, who was 5 for 15 from the field before the shot, calmly banked it off the glass to make it 74-73, to the delight of a large and vocal Cloud County following.

"I was going to score, but I saw her and if you see her you've got to get it to her, especially after I made those two stupid shots," Tennal said.

"(The shot) was nerve-wracking because my previous game was not that good," Herman said. "But it went in for me."

East Central called timeout with 5.6 seconds left, but Nicole Cox's running shot just inside the free throw lane missed and didn't beat the clock.

NJCAA women's tournament

Today's Games

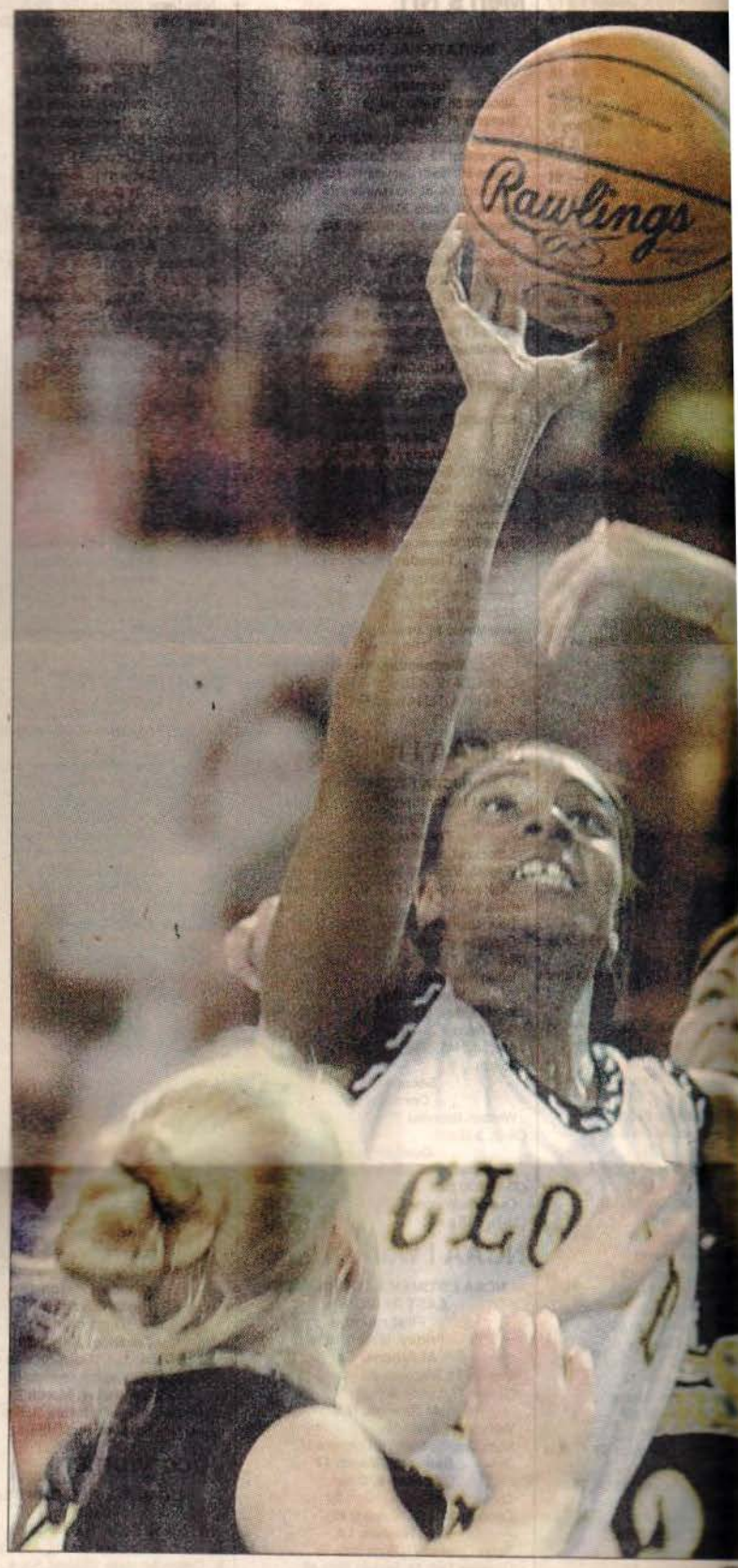
Noon — Eastern Oklahoma vs. Southwest Tennessee.

2 p.m. — John Logan, Ill., vs. Iowa Western.

4 p.m. — Western Nebraska vs. Louisburg, N.C.

6 p.m. — Tyler (Texas) vs. Tallahassee (Fla.)

8 p.m. — Cloud County vs. Cincinnati State.



Cloud County's Paulette Valentine drives to the basket against E Tuesday night's first-round game of the national tournament at

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EC Lady Warriors vie for national title

East Central Community College's quest for a national women's basketball title began at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday as the Lady Warriors take on Cloud County(Kansas) in first round action of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Women's National basketball Championship being held in Salina, Kansas.

East Central, 22-5 and the Region 23 champion, is the number 10 seed while the 27-7 Lady Thunderbirds, winners of the Region 6 championship, are seeded seventh in the 16-team tournament. The EC/Cloud County winner will meet the winner of the Central Arizona/Cincinnati(Ohio) victor at 8 p.m. Wednesday, with the losing teams in both matchups set to battle at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Competition continues through Saturday in the double-elimination tournament, with the national championship game scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

All ECCC matchups can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage, featuring sportscaster Mike Goodwin.

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Up close and personal with ECCC women's basketball

Alberta Norman
5-foot-11
Sophomore
Forward
Newton HS

Norman

Along with former ECCC standout Tonya Moncrief, Norman was half of Newton's inside tandem that got to the Class 2A state tournament in 1998.

Known as the Alberta Clipper during her high school playing days, Norman's junior year saw the Lady Tigers reach the 2A championship game where they lost 62-41 to Bruce.

Newton, coached by Arthur McMillan, ended Choctaw Central's two-year stranglehold on the 2A title with a 54-31 pounding in the semifinals.

At Newton, Norman was chosen All-Division 7-2A, Class 2A All-South State, and Most Talented.

She hopes to continue her playing career at a university next fall.

Her longest trip is a journey to Michigan.

Anna Udicova
6-foot-2
Sophomore
Forward/center
Presov, Slovakia, OSG Kosice HS

Udicova

While this is the longest trip several of the Lady Warriors have ever made, Udicova's big adventure was just getting to ECCC to play.

A native of Slovakia, Udicova has signed a scholarship to play at the University of Southern Mississippi next year. She plans to teach after getting her degree at USM.

She is averaging 12.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game and has blocked 42 shots.

She played in Slovakia for Vladimir Karnay. Her biggest accomplishment prior to winning the regional was playing in the European championship for young women last summer. Six of the participants in that tournament are currently playing for the University of South Carolina.

Bernice Hannah
5-foot-3
Freshman
Guard
Louisville HS

Hannah

Hannah was chosen All-Division 2-4A and was named team MVP, Best Offensive Player, and team captain at Louisville under coach Sheila Hickman.

She was chosen for the high school all-star game. Her biggest highlight at Louisville was winning the Division 2-4A championship and playing in the first round of the state playoffs.

At ECCC, Hannah is averaging 3.5 points per game.

Hannah plans to return to ECCC and continue her career next fall.

Her longest trip has been a venture to Minnesota for a family reunion.

Jessica Sanders
5-foot-5
Sophomore
Guard
Edinburg HS

Sanders

Sanders played for coach Steve Moorhead at Edinburg.

She made all-division three years and was named the team's Best Offensive Player three years as well. As a senior, she also received the Eagle Award and was selected team MVP.

Sanders is averaging 2.1 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

She plans to attend Mississippi State next fall and become a civil engineer.

Her longest trip was to Ohio for a Junior National Tournament her junior year at Edinburg.

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Lady Warriors run out of gas in nationals

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

SALINA, Kan. — When Sammy Pace looks back on his 2000-2001 East Central Community College Lady Warriors basketball team years from now, you can bet he'll remember them for how they played the first half of Thursday morning's game with Central Arizona College, not how it fared over the final 20 minutes.

Central Arizona, which entered the 16-team tournament seeded No. 2 before a first-round upset loss, used a 61-20 differential in the second half to take a 102-61 victory in the elimination game in the Bicentennial Center.

Lacour

"We're going to go back and remember this as a very good year," Pace said. "A year where we went to the national tournament. We're going to hang our (Region 23 championship) banner and we're going to be proud."

Severely outsized from the beginning and with players dropping like flies throughout the contest, the Lady Warriors gave the Vaqueras all they wanted in the first half.

Trailing 29-25, the Lady Warriors lost Margo Porter and her 16.3 ppg average with an injury to her left knee. She was unable to return.

Reed reentered with a noticeable limp and with a 3-pointer from Nicole Cox, a two-pointer from Lacour, and two free throws from Udicova, the Lady Warriors took a 32-31 lead with 5:44 left before intermission.

With 2:18 to go before the half ended, Lacour had to leave the floor due to a bloody leg after making the first of two free throws. Lori Cumberland came off the bench to make the second charity shot to pull ECCC back to within 38-36.

A basket by Lacour with 32 seconds remaining knotted the contest at 41-41 and the teams entered the break even in a half that saw five ties and eight lead changes.

ECCC's 41 points would have been impressive even without all the injuries as CAC was allowing just over 49 points per game.

"Whenever we lost so many players down with bleeding and injuries, etc., in the first half and the first part of the second half, it

CAC scored the ...

ECCC

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utes to break the game open as they pulled out to a 67-48 lead.

Cox was out with a bleeding elbow for much of that run, but later returned to the lineup.

After a basket by Lacour made ECCC's deficit 80-57, CAC coach Lin Laursen's run-it-up philosophy resulted in a 17-0 run primarily against the Lady Warrior bench.

ECCC, which finished 22-7, got 13 points from Cox, 12 points apiece from Lacour and Udicova, nine from Porter, and eight from Norman. Udicova had nine rebounds, while Cox had five. Udicova also had seven assists, while La'Shonda Ford had three steals.

"I think that our three (Porter, Cox, and Udicova) that have shown us so much leadership all year were playing really good when Margo's injury occurred," Pace said. "I think the other two continued to do as well as they could under the circumstances with the pressure that was being applied to them.

"They were giving so much help and we only get smaller when we sub."

CAC, 30-3, got 27 points from Strambler, 22 from Ida Dotson, 11 from Cathy Tommaney, and 10 each from Maria Eriksson and Tiffany Diggins. Felecia Pitts had 12 boards as the Vaqueras outrebounded ECCC 48-29.

"They are a very big team and a very physical team I might add," Pace said.

The Lady Warriors turned the ball over 20 times to CAC's 12. ECCC was 19-of-25 at the free-throw line while CAC was 6-of-11.

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Friday's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Montreal 11, St. Louis (ss) 2
Minnesota 6, Baltimore (ss) 5
Kansas City 5, Los Angeles (ss) 4, 10 innings
Baltimore (ss) 4, St. Louis (ss) 2
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 3
San Diego (ss) 3, Colorado 1
Chicago White Sox 14, Oakland 9
San Diego (ss) 8, Anaheim (ss) 7
Anaheim (ss) 10, San Francisco (ss) 1
San Francisco (ss) 10, Chicago Cubs 1
Atlanta 6, Detroit 4
Toronto (ss) 4, N.Y. Yankees 2

Friday's Games

Florida vs. Detroit at Lakeland Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Texas at Port Charlotte

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On the road with ECCC's Lady Warriors ...

What does the national tournament mean to you?

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SALINA, Kan. — While some of the girls have played in high school state tournaments, a tournament at the national level is a new experience for almost all of them.

Today's question: *What does the national tournament mean to you?*

Sanders

• "A reward for all our hard work," said freshman guard Lori Cumberland from Leake Academy.

• "It is a great moment for me, not only have I worked hard this year to achieve a championship chance like this, but since I was in about the fifth grade I have dreamed about something like this," said sophomore guard Jessica Sanders from Edinburg.

"I think our team has really worked hard and we deserve to get to go."

• "Pride," said sophomore Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala. "To obtain the national title, we have to have the ingredients of perseverance, respect, intensity, dedication, and effort."

• "It means a lot to me because I may never go this far in basketball again," said sophomore guard Margo Porter from Louisville. "And I have always wanted to be a champion."

• "Respect," said sophomore forward Alberta Norman from Newton.

• "It means a lot to me," said freshman guard Sophia Reed from Forest. "For it to be my first year playing, I'm very happy to play in the national tournament and I hope we are successful."

• "A chance for the Lady Warriors to gain respect and recognition for their dedication to this team," said Brittany Boney, sophomore student assistant from Heidelberg Academy.

• "It gives me an opportunity to represent my school and the state of Mississippi and Louisiana," said sophomore guard Nicole Cox from Lake. "It also gives us as a team the opportunity to go and show what we have."

• "Playing against the best teams in the USA," said sophomore center Anna Udicova from Presov, Slovakia, who played in the European championship for young women last summer.

Six of the girls in that tournament now play for the University of South Carolina.

Udicova

• "It means that we are one of the best teams in the nation and it is a chance to get the respect that we deserve," said freshman guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La.

• "Play hard, have fun, and the sophomores will get good recognition from senior colleges," said freshman forward La'Shonda Ford from Forest.

• "Gaining a lot of pride and respect from others," said freshman forward/center Trelisa Eichelberger from Noxapater.

• "Recognition," said freshman student assistant Tiffany Chancellor from Enterprise. "They deserve it."

• "Recognition. The team worked hard to win the region and they deserve it," said freshman student assistant Danyell Hudson from Noxapater.

• "I have always dreamed of winning a championship," said sophomore student trainer LeAnn Pittman of Heidelberg Academy. "Plus, it is great publicity for the sophomore players."

• "It means a lot to me, but even more to the sophomores because of the recognition," said freshman guard Bernice Hannah of Louisville.

• "This tournament is very special to me because my sister (Amy) was a part of the 1994 team that went to the national tournament In Texas and now I have the chance to be a part of a national team as well," said freshman statistician Jennifer Pace, daughter of ECCC head coach Sammy Pace and his wife, Virginia.

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When did you first believe?

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SALINA, Kan. — Going into the Region 23 Tournament, Copiah-Lincoln was ranked No. 7 nationally, Meridian Community College was No. 21, and Jones had just won the MACJC state championship.

That didn't leave the Lady Warriors very high on the list of teams many thought could win the regional.

Today's question: *When did you believe ECCC could win the Region 23 Tournament?*

Reed

Quite a few ECCC players felt what Lady Warriors coach Sammy Pace labeled "an embarrassment," a 69-64 loss to Hinds in the first round of the MACJC South State Tournament, set the stage for ECCC's sparkling run through the regional. ECCC had beaten Hinds, which finished its season with only five wins, by 29 and 15 points during the regular season.

• "After the loss to Hinds in the South State Tournament. After this, I knew they would be determined to win the region," said Brittany Boney, sophomore student assistant from Heidelberg Academy.

• "After the loss to Hinds in the South State tourney," agreed LeAnn Pittman, sophomore student trainer from Heidelberg Academy. "The players came back for practice the next two weeks like never before. They really worked hard and you could tell that they were ready to win."

• "After we lost out of the South State Tournament, I knew that if we had another chance we could win and we got our chance in the region tournament and won," said Sophia Reed, freshman guard from Forest.

• "After we lost in the first round of South State and had those 15 days of practice. That game was a wake-up call," said Jessica Sanders, sophomore guard from Edinburg.

• "I believed that we could win the region tournament before it even started," said sophomore guard Nicole Cox from Lake. "We can beat any team if we play hard, give 110 percent, and play as a team."

• Some felt it was their destiny from the start of the 2000-2001 season.

"At the beginning of the season, but especially after we went through two weeks of hard practice after we lost to Hinds," said Lori Cumberland, freshman guard from Leake Academy.

• "I believed that we could win the region tournament ever since the end of my freshman year," said sophomore Sasha Lilly. "After taking a devastating loss to Itawamba in the first round last year, I made up my mind that if given another shot at the title, I would take it to the house and that is what we did."

• "I believed all along that we could do anything if we set our mind to it," said Trelisa Eichelberger, freshman forward/center from Noxapater.

Eichelberger

• "I felt the whole (region) tournament that we could win," said freshman guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La. "All we had to do was play."

• "All year," said Anna Udicova, sophomore center from Presov, Slovakia.

• "I always believed in us because we're a team of confidence.

"We never, ever give up," said freshman guard Bernice Hannah of Louisville High School.

• "When I met all of my teammates and we started to practice together," said freshman forward La'Shonda Ford from Forest.

• "During our first few practices," said sophomore forward Alberta Norman from Newton.

• "When we played our first two games of the season because we played as a team," said sophomore guard Margo Porter from Louisville.

• "The first time they scored 100 points," said Danyell Hudson, freshman student assistant from Noxapater. (That happened in the season opener, a 100-62 blowout of then-No. 14 Bishop State.)

• "The first, second, and third times we scored 100 points," said Tiffany Chancellor, freshman student assistant from Enterprise. (ECCC also clocked Coahoma 102-44 and Southwest 102-61.)

• "The first game of the season," said freshman statistician Jennifer Pace of Decatur.

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WEEK OF 3/19/01

Lady Warriors face tall order in stopping CAC

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

SALINA, Kan. — To stay alive in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College will have to beat the team that's been to the national tournament the most times and has the most wins in it.

Pace

The Central Arizona College Vaqueras are making their 21st appearance in the national tournament.

They won in 1989 and 1998, finished second in 1999, and placed third in 1997. They were sixth last year.

ECCC and Central Arizona tangle in today's consolation bracket at 10 a.m. The game may be heard on 98.3 FM, WSSI-Carthage.

The Vaqueras, who were the No. 2 seed entering this year's tournament, were giving up just 49 points per game before Tuesday's stunning 58-55 loss to Cincinnati (Ohio) State in which they blew a 13-point lead over the final 12 minutes.

Central Arizona shot just 27.8 percent (22-of-79) from the floor in the loss and was a dismal 1-of-16 (6.25 percent) from 3-point range.

"Don't ask me who that was today," Central Arizona coach Lin Laursen said following the loss. Laursen (744-125) is in her 30th season with the Vaqueras.

The 22-6 Lady Warriors will face a tall order in the 29-3 Vaqueras. Of the 11 players on Laursen's roster, seven are at least six feet tall.

Hanna Statsenka is a 6-foot-5 sophomore from Minsk, Bulus, while Tiffany Diggins (7.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg) is a 6-foot-4 sophomore from Des Moines, Wash.

Statsenka, however, has not played in the last two months.

Throw in 6-foot-2 Cathy Tommaney (6.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg), 6-foot-1 Nakia Holmes (9.8 ppg, 8.3 rpg), 6-foot Felecia Pitts (6.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg), 6-foot Shala Reese (13.0 ppg, 10.3 rpg), and 6-foot Katy Wilson for good measure.

Ida Dotson, a 5-foot-8 guard, leads the team in scoring with 15.7 ppg. KeKe Strambler adds 14.8 ppg and 5.3 rpg. Maria Eriksson averages 6.9 ppg.

"They have their big ones and then they have their large ones," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said. "If one of the big girls is not playing very good, they just take her out and put in one of the large ones."

The Vaqueras' victims during the regular season include South Mountain (100-33 and 100-32), Glendale (90-57), Mesa (80-44), Pima (83-28 and 69-29), Kilgore, Texas, (88-50), Cochise (89-34), Scottsdale (81-37), Northland Pioneer (78-40), and Phoenix (81-54).

Obviously, there's no rest for the weary.

"I think our quarter of the bracket is the toughest quarter in the whole tournament," Pace said. "In all of the others, you've got one team that's pretty dang good, but then you've got several that's very good. In ours, they're all tough."

Only four of the 11 Vaqueras are from Arizona,as that state doesn't bind itself to the same district limitations MACJC members do. Two are from Texas, two from Washington, one from Oregon, and two are from other countries.

On the other hand, ECCC has just two active players from outside the Magnolia State.

"They can spread out all over the United States if they want to," Pace said. "I don't know why we wouldn't call this Western United States instead of Central Arizona. I think that would be a more appropriate name for their school.

"But we're East Central Mississippi and we're proud to be that. We're going to come in here and just play as hard as we can.

"We've had a lot of folks tell us how hard we played (against Cloud County) and how they enjoyed watching the team play. Even people from Cloud County came up to us and said we've got a really good ballclub. That makes us feel good.

"Somebody had to lose and now we're going to play this other one and see what happens."

ECCC and Central Arizona met in the 1994 national tournament with the Vaqueras taking a 78-71 opening-round win. The '94 Lady Warriors went on to finish seventh that year, beating Casper (Wyo.) 65-58, Truett-McConnell (Ga.), and Independence (Kan.) 71-62.

"I thought the reason we didn't do good against them then was we had some people that were nervous because it was the national tournament," Pace said. "I feel like maybe that was the case with our situation with Cloud County the other night.

"I feel like if we can stop some things that they are doing, which is going to be hard to do, then we've got a good shot."

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WEEK OF 3/12/01

Fund-raising Drive Underway To Send ECCC Team to Nationals

DECATUR--A fund-raising drive is underway to help send East Central Community College's Lady Warrior basketball team, winners of the Region 23 championship, to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Women's National Basketball Championship March 19-24 in Salina, Kansas.

College officials estimate it will cost in excess of $12,000 to send coaches, players and other team officials to the double-elimination tournament. Letters have been sent to alumni and friends of the College seeking assistance in the fund-raising project. Areas businesses are also being contacted to provide support.

The Lady Warriors, 22-5 under head coach Sammy Pace and assistant Brad Hodge, defeated Northwest, Copiah-Lincoln and Jones County teams to advance to the nationals. East Central's previous visit to the NJCAA Tournament came in 1994, when the Lady Warriors won the Consolation Bracket and finished seventh in the final juco poll.

Donations may be sent to The Warrior Club- National Tournament, East Central Community College, P. O. Box "129, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

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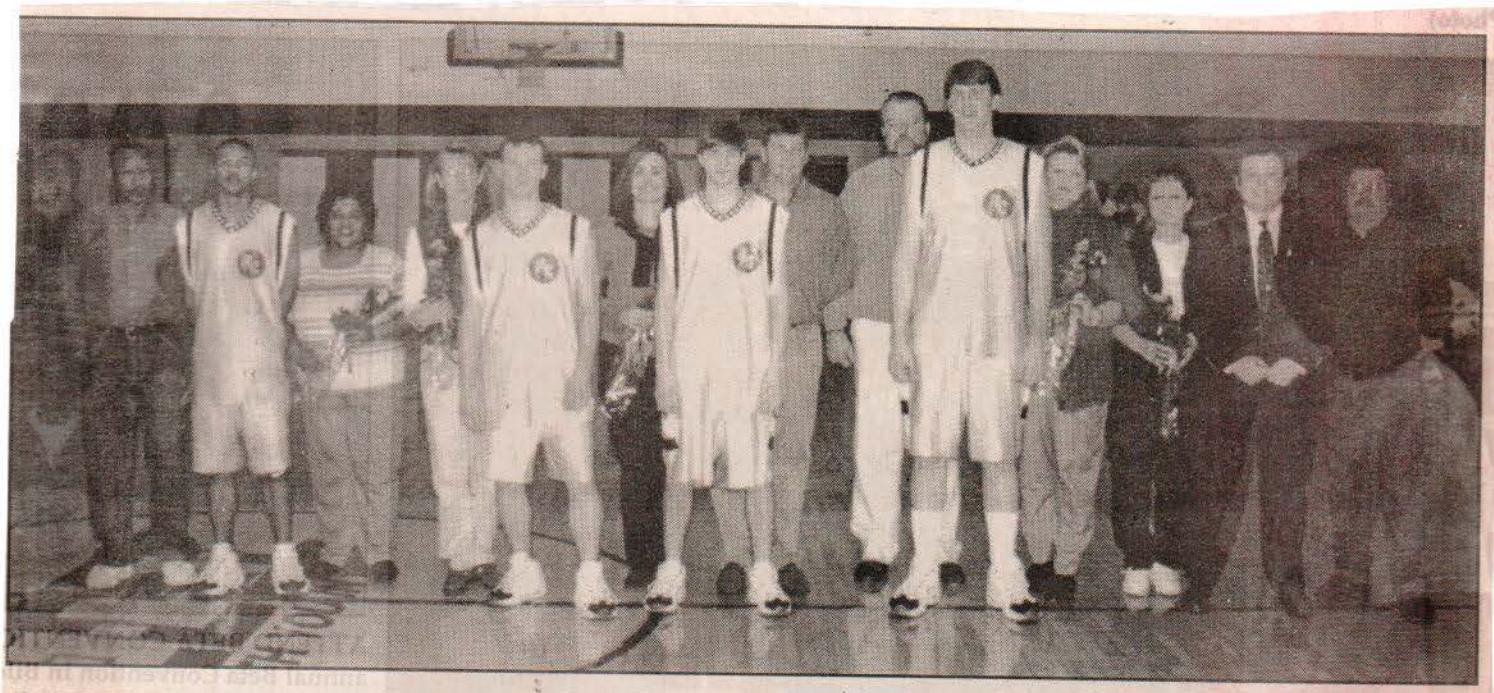

ECCC WARRIORS RECOGNIZED - Sophomore members of the East Central Community College Warrior basketball team were honored February 12 during the College's final home game of the season. They were joined during the special ceremony by their parents and other relatives and supporters. Warrior team members recognized included (from left) Joe Copeland of Emerson High School in Emerson, Ark.; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy and Patrick Wilcher (student assistant) of Edinburg. (EC Photo)

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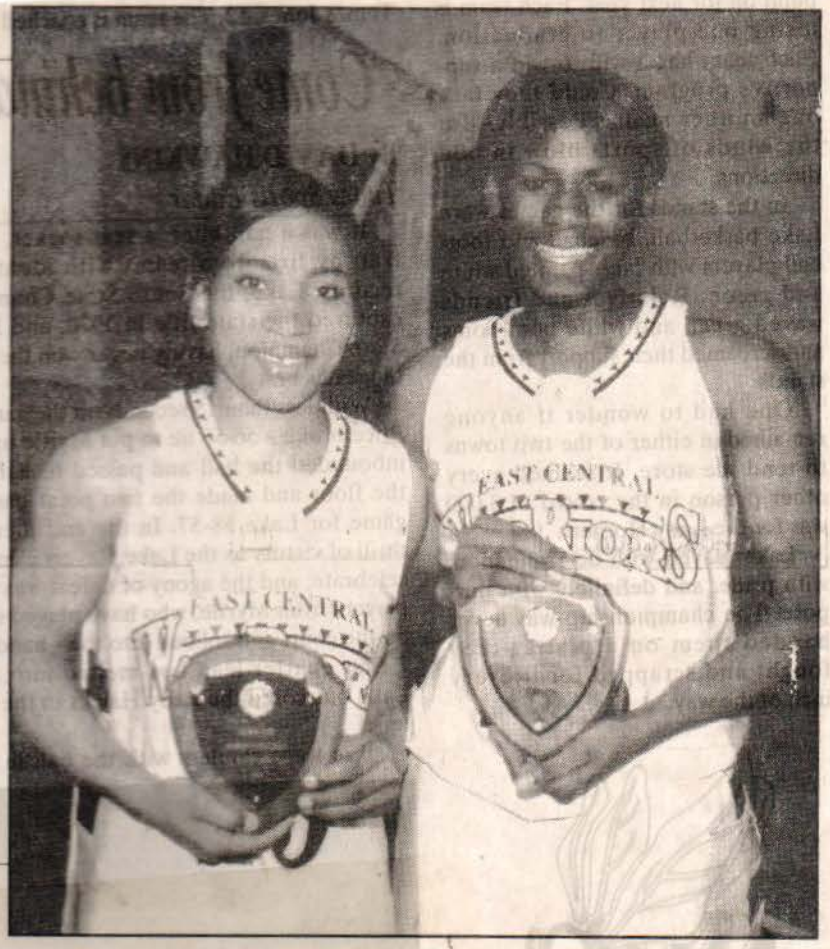
WEEK OF 3/12/01

Cox, Porter named to All-Region 23 Team

East Central Community College sophomores Nicole Cox (left) of Lake and Margo Porter of Ellisville were named to the All-Region 23 Tournament team following the Lady Warriors 91-71 win over Northwest Community College Thursday night in Clinton. With the win, the East Central women claimed the Region 23 Championship and advanced to the NJCAA Tournament which will be held March 20-24 in Selina, Kansas. (EC Photo)



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WEEK OF 3/12/01

ECCC ladies head to Kansas for national tourney

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — With fresh legs underneath them, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors are ready to begin a voyage to what they hope ends with a national championship.

The Lady Warriors defeated MACJC state champion Jones (93-78), a 24-2 Copiah-Lincoln team that was ranked No. 7 nationally (74-71), and MACJC state runner-up Northwest Mississippi (91-71) to capture the Region 23 championship the first week of March.

Pace

Those wins earned the Lady Warriors one of 16 berths in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship in Salina, Kan., next week. The first round of games is set for Tuesday with six contests on tap.

The 22-5 Lady Warriors will open with 27-7 Cloud County (Kan.) in the feature game Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. Cloud County shocked once-beaten Independence (Kan.) and previously-undefeated Seward County (Kan.) in back-to-back nights to win the Region 6 championship. Seward County was ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA women's poll at the end of the regular season, while Independence was No. 5.

The Region 6 Tournament was played in the same Bicentennial Center where the national championship will be settled. The facility seats 6,533 for basketball.

Joining the Lady Warriors and Thunderbirds in the 16-team field are 29-2 Central Arizona College, 24-8 Eastern Oklahoma State College, 32-1 Midland (Texas) College, 21-7 Southwest Tennessee Community College, 25-7 Tallahassee (Fla.) Community College, 24-7 Western Nebraska Community College, 28-4 Louisburg (N.C.) College, 24-6 Iowa Western Community College, 27-4 Cincinnati (Ohio) State Community College, 26-6 Tyler (Texas) Junior College, 31-1 Jefferson (Mo.) College, 24-9 Utah Valley State College, 22-9 Wallace State-Hanceville (Ala.) Community College, and 28-5 John A. Logan College of Illinois.

Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace gave his squad nearly all of the spring break week off after the March 8 win over Northwest in the Region 23 finals. The Lady Warriors returned to the ECCC campus Thursday for three days of practice before heading out for Kansas today at 5 p.m.

Pace has been to the national tournament before with the 1994 Lady Warriors placing seventh.

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"It means an awful lot to get to go to something like this," Pace said. "It's just an honor to be region champions against such as good field of Mississippi and Louisiana teams.

"To get to go to the national tournament is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most kids at any level. We hope we can just go out and represent Mississippi and Louisiana as they should be represented.

"It's a very tough field. Cloud County has an extremely good record against highly-ranked opponents, but then we've beaten a few ranked people this year ourselves."

The time off was designed to get the Lady Warriors ready for a flourish in the final week of the 2000-2001 season.

"We had a few injuries that we wanted to heal up ... some bruises and some bad ankles. We wanted to get that back to where it needs to be for us to go out and play," Pace said.

"We just want everybody to go out and have a good game because I really don't think we've put together a 100 percent game yet. We're approaching that."

All of East Central's games can be heard on 98.3 FM, WSSI-Carthage.

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in 20 points as EC wins Region 23

East Central Lady Warriors claim Region 23 Title

A trip to the NJCAA Tournament now awaits East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who cruised past Northwest Mississippi Community College 91-71 Thursday night in the Region 23 Tournament finals held at Mississippi College in Clinton. The ECCC women, shown following the awards presentation, advanced to the championship round by outscoring Copiah-Lincoln 74-71 on March 7 and outscoring Jones County 93-78 on March 8. The Lady Warriors will leave Saturday, March 19 for Selina, Kansas, site of the annual NJCAA Tournament. Activities associated with the double-elimination tournament get underway Monday, March 19. Tourney action begins March 20 with finals scheduled on Saturday, March 24. (EC Photo)

WEEK OF 3/12/01

Sophia Reed and Nicole Cox kick

CLINTON-Five Lady Warriors scored in double figures to lead East Central Community College to a stunning 91-71 victory over the Northwest Mississippi Community College women Thursday night for the Region 23 Tournament championship at Mississippi College's A. E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton.

East Central will now take its 22-5 record to the NJCAA Tournament, which gets underway March 19 at Saline, Kansas. College officials estimate the trip to Kansas will cost in excess of $12,000, and fundraising efforts are underway to help send the team to the prestigious event.

The Lady Warriors' last appearance in the nationals came in 1994, when the tournament was held in Tyler, Texas. After losing in first-round action, the EC women won three straight matchups and claimed the Consolation Bracket. The Lady Warriors were also ranked seventh in the final jucco poll.

East Central, which fell to Hinds in first-round action of the MACCJ South Division Tournament on March 19 at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit, obviously used the long layoff to their advantage in Region 23 competition.

The Lady Warriors upset current state champion Jones County 93-78 in first-round action on March 20, held on for 74-71 win nationally ranked Copiah-Lincoln in the semi-finals, then cruised to a 20-point thrashing over Northwest Mississippi, which finished runner-up in the state tournament.

ECCC 91 Northwest 71

Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, scored 19 points to lead the Lady Warriors. Also scoring were Nikki Lacour, 18, of Natchitoches, La.; Margo Porter, 17, of Louisville; Sophia Reed, 15 of Forest; Nicole Cox 13, of Lake; Alberta Norman, five, of Newton; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and La'Shonda Ford of Forest, two each.

Porter and Cox were also named to the All-Region 23 Tournament team.

The championship trophy was accepted by injured sophomore Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala., who has been out of the lineup since the second game of the season. Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace and team members designated Lilly to receive the honor.

Rhonda Cooper of Birmingham led Northwest (18-13 with 25 points.

East Central held a 45-33 advantage at halftime.

ECCC 74, Co-Lin 71

Nicole Cox sank two free throws with 9.9 seconds remaining to help seal the three-point victory.

Cox, who led EC with 23 points, had earlier connected on a three-point shot with 1:10 left which gave the Lady Warriors 72-69 margin.

With the win, EC avenged two lopsided losses to the Lady Wolves during the regular season. The Lady Warriors fell 97-67 to Co-Lin in Wesson and were outscored 81-58 in Decatur.

In addition to Cox other EC scorers were Porter, 20; Norman, 10; Lacour, eight; Udicova, seven; and Reed, six.

Mindy Lavavdis of Chalmette, La., led Co-Lin (24-2) with 23 points.

The Lady Wolves led 35-33 at the break.

ECCC 93, Jones 78

Margo Porter of Louisville pumped in 22 points to lead the Lady Warriors. Other point makers were Norman, 18; Udicova, 14; Cox and Lacour, 12 each; Reed, nine; Ford, four; and Cumberland, two.

Tammika Sims of Quitman led Jones (23-8) with 31 points.

EC led the state champions throughout most of the contest and held a 41-33 advantage at halftime.

Contributions to help send the Lady warriors to the national tournament may be sent to The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

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WEEK OF 3/5/01

EC women play in Region 23 tourney at Miss. College

After being ousted in first-round action of the MACJC South Division Tournament, East Central Community College's Lady Warriors have now set their sights on winning the Region 23 title.

EC will take a 19-5 record to the annual tournament, Monday-Thursday, at A.E. Wood Coliseum on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton.

The Lady Warriors began competition against state champion Jones County Junior College on Tuesday. The Lady Bobcats were 22-7 entering the tournament with two of the losses attributed to East Central. The Lady Warriors posted a 74-68 win Feb. 8 in Ellisville and claimed an 83-68 victory Jan. 16 in Decatur.

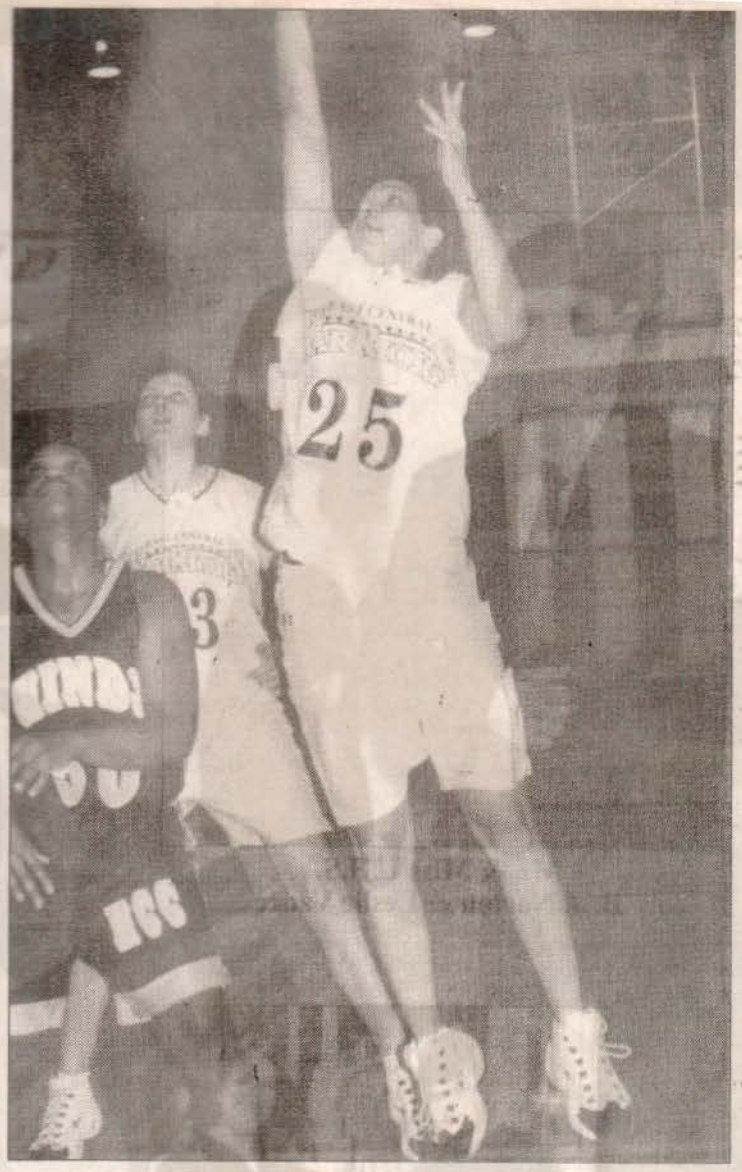
EC coach Sammy Pace said his team, which was nationally ranked throughout most of the season, is eager to hit the hardwood and take on the Lady Bobcats.

"I feel we are ready to play and it suits us fine to begin Region 23 against the state champions," Pace said. "Jones is obviously playing very good right now, and for us to win, our defense has to play well. We should be okay offensively but we have to keep Jones from scoring a lot of points for us to be successful."

The EC-Jones winner will meet the Copiah-Lincoln-Northeast victor at 6 p.m. today. Women's finals are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday.

Also qualifying for the Region 23 Tournament in the women's bracket are Northwest, Itawamba, Meridian, and Pearl River.

Pace led his Lady Warriors to the Region 23 championship in 1994. The same squad captured the Consolation Bracket in the NJCAA Tournament and finished seventh in the nation.



East Central freshman Nikki Lacour (25) and her Lady Warrior teammates are playing in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College this week.

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WEEK OF 3/5/01

ECCC women face JCJC in Region 23

From Special Reports

CLINTON — After being ousted in first-round action of the MACJC South Division Tournament, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors have now set their sights on winning the Region 23 title.

ECCC was set to take on Jones County Junior College Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the first-round of the eight-team single elimination tournament.

The winner will represent Region 23 — which is made up of the MACJC and the Miss-Lou Conference — in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas later in the month.

ECCC takes a 19-5 record into the event which will be held at A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

The first-round match up is an extremely tough one for both teams. Jones got the No. 1 seed due to winning the MACJC State Championship, while ECCC earned the No. 8 seed through a tie-breaker formula.

The news was not so good for Jones.

The Lady Bobcats come into the game with a 22-7 record, but two of those losses came to East Central.

The Lady Warriors beat JCJC in Ellisville by the score of 74-68 on Feb. 8 to go with an 83-68 home win on Jan. 16.

"I feel we are ready to play and it suits us fine to begin Region 23 against the state champions," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said. "Jones is obviously playing very good right now, and for us to win our defense has to play well. We should be okay offensively but we have to keep Jones from scoring a lot of points for us to be successful."

The winner of Tuesday's ECCC-Jones contest will take on the winner of Tuesday's game between Co-Lin and Northeast at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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REGION 23 TOURNAMENT

ECCC headed to Nationals

Lady Warriors win Region 23 championship

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

CLINTON — Lookout Kansas, the Lady Warriors are headed your way.

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors used a balanced offensive attack that saw five players score in double figures as they won the Region 23 championship with a healthy 91-71 spanking of Northwest Mississippi in Thursday night's title game.

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Northwest 71

The Lady Warriors improved to 22-5 with the win at Mississippi College's A.E. Wood Coliseum and earned a berth in the NJCAA Women's Tournament in Salina, Kan., beginning March 19.

"I didn't really think we played that great tonight," ECCC coach Sammy Pace said. "We made a lot of mistakes, but we did a lot of good things, too.

"I'm just happy to win. They are a good team. If it had been two points, I'd have been happy to win."

The Lady Warriors got 19 points from Anna Udicova, 18 from Nikki Lacour, 17 from Margo Porter, 15 from Sophia Reed, and 13 from Nicole Cox. Alberta Norman added five points, while Lori Cumberland and La'Shonda Ford added two apiece.

Meanwhile, Northwest, 18-13, had only two players in double figures, Rhonda Cooper with 25 and Crystal Boyland with 21. Most of Northwest's offense consisted of spreading the floor and letting Cooper, a 5-foot-9 sophomore from Birmingham, Ala., it. It's kind of an unorthodox style and I'm an orthodox-type person when it comes to what we do. I like to set up and move the ball and use the post players, run screens, etc.

"They just give it to (Cooper) and let her go. I don't really think you can be successful over the long run doing that. I don't know that tonight proved that, but certainly in our case, it was true."

Northwest held a five-point lead (14-9) early in the first half.

A 3-pointer from Porter gave ECCC a 23-18 lead with 9:45 left in the first half and the Lady Warriors led the rest of the contest.

A driving layup by Reed jumper in the lane with 6:45 to go before intermission.

Northwest closed to within 30-25 on a putback by Boyland with 5:28 showing, but the Lady Warriors scored 15 of the last 23 points of the first half to lead 45-33 at halftime.

Udicova, a 6-foot-2 sophomore center from Presov, Slovakia, and a USM signee, had 13 points in the first half with Cox, scoring 10, Porter nine, and Reed eight.

A 3-pointer from Cox with 17:44 to play gave ECCC a 50-35 lead and the Lady Warriors hit 21-of-30 second-half free throws to claim their first Region 23 championship since 1994. The '94 squad went on to finish seventh in the nation.

free-throw line.

Northwest shot 31 free throws, making 20 (64.5 percent).

"There was more slapping and knocking going on out there than I've ever seen," Pace said. "It was a rough game."

But you can bet the Lady Warriors had a smooth ride back home with the Region 23 championship plaque safely in hand.

* All-Region team: Nicole Cox of Lake and Margo Porter of Louisville were ECCC's representatives on the All-Region 23 Tournament team.

Making the team from Jones was Tammika Sims from Quitman and from Meridian Community College

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THE CHAMPS – East Central Community College's Nikkie Lacour races across midcourt against Northwest's Eren Shaw during the Region 23 Girls Championship game.

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Lady Warriors oust nationally-ranked Lady Wolves

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

CLINTON — Beat us once, shame on you. Beat us twice, shame on us. Beat us three times... not gonna happen.

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors extracted their revenge for a pair of big-time blowouts administered by the Lady Wolves of Copiah-Lincoln at the right time... in the semifinals of the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College's A.E. Wood Coliseum Wednesday night.

The Lady Warriors outscored nationally-ranked and previously once-beaten Co-Lin 74-71 to advance to tonight's 6 p.m. championship game with Northwest Mississippi, a 65-55 semifinal winner over Pearl River.

"I'm just so proud of a bunch of little bitty kids that have a lot of heart," EC coach Sammy Pace said.

If you picked East Central to be in the finals, you can start your own psychic hotline. After all, Co-Lin ripped ECCC 81-58 on Jan. 8 at Decatur and showed that was no fluke with a 97-67 pounding on Feb. 1 in Wesson.

But the Lady Warriors hung with the Lady Wolves for the first half, then outscored them 41-36 over the second 20 minutes for the win.

Neither team led by more than six points throughout the closer battle between longtime MACCC foes Brenda [illegible].

ECCC led 9-6 with 16:06 to go in the first half only to have Co-Lin claim a six-point advantage with eight minutes to go before intermission. The Lady Wolves led 35-33 at halftime.

Margo Porter tied the game at 48-48 with a 3-pointer with 14:26 to play. Another 3 by Nicole Cox gave the Lady Warriors a 51-50 lead with 13:15 left.

The 3-point shot would be an ally of the Lady Warriors as they hit six in the second half and nine for the game.

Co-Lin went up 55-52 when Rusti Smith hit a basket as the shot clock ran out with 11:09 to go, but Cox scored [illegible] points from Nicole Lacour, three from Anna Udiovra, and another from Porter over the next six minutes to take its biggest lead of the game at 67-61 with 4:18 remaining.

Not that ECCC's lead lasted long.

Co-Lin battled back even at 69-69 with 2:37 left on a pair of baskets from Mindy Livavdis.

Cox broke the stalemate with her fifth 3 with 1:15 showing to give the Lady Warriors a 72-69 lead.

After Co-Lin got to within 72-71 on a putback bas-

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ket from Denise Catchings with 36.6 seconds left, the Lady Warriors ran the clock down to 9.9 seconds when Cox was fouled by Livavdis. Cox made both free throws to put ECCC up 74-71.

"If the game is on the line, I want Nicole up there," Pace said.

Porter then forced Smith to use nearly all of the remaining time getting the ball up the floor before Smith threw up an airball that Cox cradled as time ran out.

"I don't think we did anything any different except we played," Pace said. "Co-Lin's an excellent ballclub, there's no doubt, and (Co-Lin coach) Gwyn Young, I just think the world of him as a coach. He's a great coach and does a super job, but we just played tonight."

Cox led ECCC, 21-5, with 23 points, 16 of which came in the second half.

Porter scored 20, Alberta Norman had 10, Lacour added eight, Udiovra tossed in seven, and Sophia Reed had six.

Co-Lin, which finished 24-2, got 23 points from Livavdis, 20 from Christy Brown, and 10 from Smith.

"We played two of our better games against them," Co-Lin coach Gwyn Young said of the regular-season contests.

"I think it was our inability to make some shots we had on the inside and their defense was really good tonight and they went to the boards hard. They did some things pretty good and hit some shots from the outside and they didn't do that the first two times.

"They just played well. They made a couple of shots from the outside to start the second half that pulled us on out there. And on the inside, they were working. I thought Norman really played well."

EC and Northwest met on Nov. 28 at Senatobia with the Lady Rangers taking a 71-70 win.

"We're going to see the press (tonight)," Pace said, "but we're looking forward to it.

"I think we need to stay within our game and play good, solid defense. And we need to stop their penetration down the middle."

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REGION 23 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ECCC stuns Co-Lin

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

TWO-ON-ONE – East Central Community College's Sophia Reed splits Copiah-Lincoln defenders as she penetrates the lane during Tuesday's Region 23 Tournament game.

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WEEK OF 2/26/01

ECCC Lady Warriors Honored

DECATUR--Sophomore members of the East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team were honored February 12 during the College's final home game of the season. They were joined during the special ceremony by their parents and other relatives and supporters. Lady Warriors recognized included (from left) Nicole Cox of Lake, Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, Margo Porter of Louisville, Alberta Norman of Newton and Sasha Lilly of Shelby County High School in Columbiana, Ala., Brittany Boney and LeAnn Pittman (student assistants) both of Heidelberg Academy; and Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia. (EC Photo)

ECCC Warriors, Lady Warriors Fall in First-Round Tourney Action

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Brandon Dickerson of Baton Rouge led Co-Lin (19-5) with 27 points.

The Wolves held a 39-38 advantage at halftime.

Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, was top scorer for the Lady Warriors with 17 points. Other point makers were Margo Porter of Louisville, 14; Nicole Cox of Lake, 10; Alberta Norman of Newton, nine; Sophia Reed of Forest, eight; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, La'Shonda Ford of Forest and Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La., two each.

Tomekia Reed of Jackson Murrah led Hinds (5-19) with 26 points.

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WEEK OF 2/19/01

ECCC Warriors, Lady Warriors fall in first-round tourney action

East Central Community College basketball teams will have to wait another year for a shot at division and state tournament titles, as the Warriors and Lady Warriors suffered defeats in first-round action of the MACJC South Division Tournament being held this week at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit.

The number-six seeded Warriors were outscored 98-79 by second-seeded Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and the Lady Warriors, the number-two seed, were upset by the Hinds Community College Lady Bulldogs, who were the number-seven seed.

The East Central men, who completed season play with a 12-14 mark, were led by Louisville product Winfred Craig's 22 points. Also scoring were James Denson of Choctaw Central, 17; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy and Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, 11 each; Chris Webb of Neshoba Central and Brett Augusta of New Orleans, five each; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Ark., four; and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy and Maurice English of Union, two each.

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The Lady Warriors still have a chance to qualify for the Region 23 Tournament scheduled March 5-8 at Mississippi College, but must wait for results of the division tournament.

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WEEK OF 2/19/01

East Central booted from South State

From staff reports

The East Central Community College basketball teams were swept out of the the South Division Tournament at Summitt Monday night.

The Lady Warriors were sent packing by virtue of a shocking 69-64 upset at the hands of the Hinds Community College Lady Eagles, while the East Central men dropped a 98-79 decision to Copiah-Lincoln.

• **Hinds 69, East Central women 64:** Nationally-ranked ECCC was ahead by nine points late in the contest but couldn't hold on as the Lady Eagles notched the stunning win on the campus of Southwest Mississippi Community College.

JUCO BASKETBALL

Southern Mississippi signee Anna Udiovo pumped in 17 points in defeat for East Central, while former Louisville standout Margo Porter added 14 in the loss.

Nicole Cox of Lake scored 10, Alberta Norman of Newton scored nine and freshman guard Sophia Reed of Forest had eight points for East Central, which dropped to 19-5 on the season.

East Central led 37-32 at halftime.

• **Copiah-Lincoln 98, East Central men 79:** Co-Lin extended a slim one-point halftime lead and held on for the victory over the Warriors, who fell to 12-14 on the season.

Copiah-Lincoln's Wolves are now 19-5 on the year.

The Warriors (12-14) got 22 points from former Louisville standout Winfred Craig and 17 from ex-Choctaw Central star James Denson.

Former Newton County Academy standout Matthew Roebuck pumped in 11 points for ECCC, as did Markeith Brown.

• **North State Tournament:** Both of the teams from East Mississippi Community College will be in action today in the North Division tournament at Northwest CC in Senatobia.

The Lady Lions of EMCC take on Northeast at 4 p.m., while the East Mississippi men battle Northeast's Tigers at 8 p.m.

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The East Central Community College men turned a two-point halftime lead (27-25) into a 10-point win over Southwest.

Former Choctaw Central standout James Denson and Joe Copeland scored 14 points each to lead the Warriors to the win.

Winfred Craig scored 11 for the winners, while Markeith Brown had eight and Chris Webb of Neshoba Central had six.

Webb poured in 19 points to lead ECCC to the five-point win over Pearl River on Monday night.

Denson scored 14 for the winners, while Copeland and Craig hit for eight each.

East Central fell behind Jones 47-38 at the half, on the way to the 17-point loss.

Brett Augusta led East Central with 19 points, while Matthew Roebuck had 17 and Craig tossed in 13.

Brown scored eight, while Denson hit for six points. Webb scored four and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy added three.

ECCC winds up its regular season schedule with a road trip to Hinds Community College in Utica on Thursday.

Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit will host the South Division Tournament Feb. 19-21.

WEEK OF 2/12/01

Lady Warriors take three

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

DECATUR — The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College swept three basketball games last week, while the ECCC men won two-of-three.

The East Central women beat homestanding Jones County Junior College 74-68, then ripped Southwest Mississippi 102-64 and ripped Pearl River 76-71 to run their record to 18-4 overall and 9-2 in the South Division.

The East Central women are ranked No. 18 in the country by the NJCAA.

The men tumbled to Jones 96-79 and beat Southwest 66-56, before downing Pearl River 68-64 on Monday to run their record to 12-12 on the season.

Nicole Cox pumped in 23 points to lead East Central to the six-point win over Jones.

Margo Porter and Anna Udicova scored 14 points each for the winners, while Nikki Lacour scored 13.

Porter scored 22 points to lead the Lady Warriors in the 41-point win over Southwest, while Cox hit for 16 and Leake Academy's Lori Cumberland scored 12.

Jessica Sanders and Lacour hit for 10 each, while Alberta Norman and Udicova added nine points each.

The East Central women led 54-31 at the half against the Lady Bears.

The Lady Warriors led Pearl River 37-28 at the half, before holding on for the five-point victory.

Porter scored 29 to lead ECCC, while Lacour hit for 20 and Cox added

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

ECCC women continue to roll, open post-season play, Mon.

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It was Joe Copeland's free throw with three seconds left that actually iced the four-point win for EC, which played its final home game of the season in front of a packed Brackeen-Wood gym.

East Central, led by Coach Jay Bowen, evened its overall record at 12-12 and improved to 3-8 in South Division competition while the visiting and division-leading Wildcats fell to 17-7 and 9-2.

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Taboris Lindsey led Pearl River with 15 points.

EC held a 31-29 advantage at halftime.

In women's action, Sammy Pace's Lady Warriors notched their 18th season victory by downing the Lady Wildcats 76-71.

East Central, 18-4 overall and 9-2 in division play, was led by Margo Porter with 29 points.

Also scoring in double-figures were Nikki Lacour, 20; and Nicole Cox, 10.

Jessica Pueches led Pearl River (12-11, 5-6) with 20 points.

East Central led 37-28 at the break.

Sophomore players and managers received special recognition between games. Lady Warriors honored were Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, Cox, Porter, Alberta Norman, Anna Udicova and Sasha Lilly. Warriors recognized included Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Webb, Matthew Roebuck and Joe Copeland.

Warriors split pair

East Central squads split decisions at Jones County Feb. 8, and took a pair from visiting Southwest on Feb. 5.

Cox scored 23 in leading the nationally ranked Lady Warriors to a 74-68 win over the Lady Bobcats in Ellisville.

Also scoring for East Central were Porter and Udicova, 14 each; and Lacour, 13.

Jones led 40-37 at halftime.

With the win, the EC women, ranked 18th in the latest NJCAA poll, improved to 17-4 overall and 8-2 in South Division competition.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 96-79 to the host Bobcats and saw their record drop to 11-12 and 2-8.

Brett Augusta was top scorer for EC with 19 points. Other point makers were Roebuck, 17; Winfred Craig, 13; Denson, six; Chamblee, three; and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two.

The Bobcats led 47-38 at the break.

Porter poured in 22 points in leading EC to an easy 102-61 thrashing of the visiting Lady Bears.

Also scoring were Cox, 16; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, 12; and Sanders and Lacour, 10 each.

EC held a 54-31 advantage at halftime.

Copeland pumped in 14 points to lead EC past the visiting Bears by a 66-56 margin. Also scoring were Denson, 14; Craig, 11; and Chamblee, two.

The Warriors led 27-25 at the break.

The South Division Tournament begins at Southwest CC in Summit on Monday.

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Warriors Upset Pearl River; EC Women Clip Lady Wildcats

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Denson, a former standout at Choctaw Central, was the second-leading scorer for the Warriors with 14 points. Chris Webb of Neshoba Central pumped in 19 points to lead all scorers. Other point makers were Copeland, of Emerson, Arkansas, and Winfred Craig of Louisville, eight each; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, five; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy and Brett Augusta of New Orleans, four each; and Maurice English of Union, Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy and Eric Scott of Winnsboro, La., two each.

Taboris Lindsey of Hattiesburg led Pearl River with 15 points. EC held a 31-29 advantage at halftime.

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Jessica Pueches of Bay St. Louis led Pearl River (12-11, 5-6) with 20 points. East Central led 37-28 at halftime.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors close out regular season action by traveling to Hinds Community College on Thursday, Feb. 15. Both teams will compete in the South Division Tournament scheduled February 19-21 at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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Wednesday, February 14, 2001

BASEBALL THIS WEEK
ECCC vs. Northwest
At Chris Gay IV Memorial Field
1:00 p.m. – Doubleheader

Thursday, February 15, 2001

SPEAKER
TERRY RHODES
"The ABC's of Success"
Huff Auditorium
10:45 a.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM
Speaker: The Rev. Marcus Mann
7:00 p.m.
Huff Auditorium

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK
ECCC vs. Hinds
At Utica
6:00 p.m. – Women's Game
7:45 p.m. – Men's Game

Friday, February 16, 2001

BASEBALL THIS WEEK
ECCC vs. Sumiton
At Sumiton, Alabama
12:00 noon - Doubleheader

RODEO THIS WEEK
Michigan State University
Lansing, Michigan

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

EC puts broom to Southwest at home

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College basketball teams took two home wins from Southwest Mississippi before the Lady Warriors added a road win at Jones in South Division games last week.

The Lady Warriors were 17-4 heading into Monday's game with Pearl River, while the Warriors were 11-12.

The Lady Warriors were ranked No. 18 in the Feb. 6 NJCAA women's poll.

• **EC women 102, Southwest 61:** Margo Porter scored 22 points and had seven rebounds as the Lady Warriors hammered Southwest on Feb. 5 in Decatur.

Nicole Cox had 16 points, all in the first half, as EC improved to 16-4 overall and 7-2 in division play.

EC also got 12 points and nine rebounds from Lori Cumberland, 10 points apiece from Jessica Sanders and Nikki Lacour, and nine points each from Alberta Norman and Anna Udicova.

EC held a 54-31 advantage at halftime.

Southwest, 12-9 and 3-6, got 12 points from Brenda Alex-ander and 10 from Collete White.

• **EC men 66, Southwest 56:** Joe Copeland scored 15 points and James Denson added 14 as the Warriors beat the Bears on Feb. 5 at Decatur.

Winfred Craig scored 11 points, Markeith Brown had eight, Chris Webb tossed in six, and Maurice English had five.

The Warriors led 27-25 at halftime.

EC improved to 11-11 overall and 2-7 in the division.

Southwest, 11-10 and 1-8, was led by Khyri Galmore's 10 points.

• **EC women 74, Jones 68:** Jones led by as much as 34-19 in the first half o Thursday's game at Ellisville before th Lady Warriors closed to within 40-37 a intermission.

Nicole Cox led EC with 23 points. Marg Porter and Anna Udicova both scored 1 and Nikki Lacour tossed in 13.

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• **Jones men 96, EC 79:** The Bobcat jumped out to a 47-38 halftime lead in tak ing Thurs-day's league contest at Ellisville

EC fell to 11-12 overall and 2-8 in th division.

The Warriors got 19 points from Bre Augusta, 17 from Matthew Roebuck, 1 from Winfred Craig, eight from Markeit Brown, and six from James Denson.

Jones, 17-6 and 6-4, got 23 from Derric White and 16 from Omar Barlett.

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WEEK OF 2/5/01

ECCC Teams Fall at Co-Lin

Four East Central Community College Lady Warriors scored in double figures but their efforts fell short of victory as the nationally ranked and undefeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves pounded the EC women 97-67 Thursday night in Wesson.

With the loss, the Lady Warriors, ranked 19th in the latest NJCAA poll, dropped to 15-4 overall and 6-2 in South Division action, while the Lady Wolves improved to 19-0 and 8-0. Co-Lin was ranked sixth in the country prior to the division match-up.

Sophia Reed of Forest and Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La. each had 14 points to pace the Lady Warrior attack. Also scoring were Margo Porter of Louisville, 13; Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, 10; Nicole Cox of Lake, six; Trelisha Eichelberger of Noxapater, five; La'Shonda Ford of Forest and Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, two each; and Alberta Norman of Newton, one. Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and Bernice Hannah of Louisville also saw action.

Co-Lin led 45-29 at the break.

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Co-Lin led 35-21 at halftime.

Warriors Defeat MC

A six game losing skid came to a halt Monday, January 29 for the EC Warriors who outscored Mississippi College's junior varsity squad 68-57 at A.E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton.

Scorers were Webb, 16; Craig, 15; Copeland, 10, English, eight; Scott, seven; Augusta, five; Brown, four; and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, three.

In games this week, after Monday night's wins by both men and women at EC with Southwest MS Community College, , the Lady Warriors and Warriors will travel to Jones County Junior College Thursday, Feb. 8, then entertain Pearl River Community College on Monday, Feb. 12, for the season's final game.

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MC led 25-23 at the break.

In games this week, East Central hosts Southwest Mississippi Community College on Monday, February 5 and travels to Jones County Junior College on Thursday, February 8. The Lady Warriors and Warriors entertain Pearl River Community College on Monday, February 12 in the season's final home games.

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WEEK OF 2/5/01

East Central sweeps Southwest

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The East Central Community College Warriors got just what they needed with Monday's 66-56 MACJC South Division win over Southwest Mississippi in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The win evened the Warriors' overall record at 11-11 and upped their division mark to 2-7.

Trailing 17-9 with 6:01 remaining in a low-scoring first half, the Warriors rallied to take a 27-25 lead into the halftime break behind 12 points from James Denson and eight from Joe Copeland.

Winfred Craig, Chris Webb, and Maurice English each hit a 3-pointer during a 13-3 run that saw the Warriors go up 45-35 with 9:30 remaining in the contest.

Southwest whittled its deficit to 51-47 when Godfred Drake nailed a 3-pointer with 4:37 to play.

Southwest had the ball on a fast break when a Bear was called for an offensive foul after dishing off the ball.

Copeland hit his first free shot to make it 52-47. Before he could take his second attempt, Southwest coach Bill Wallace stormed the court, nearly reaching the center circle, in a delayed protest of the foul call.

After a technical foul was called on Wallace, Copeland knocked down three free throws to put the Warriors in control 55-47 with 4:19 remaining.

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The Warriors then canned 7-of-10 free throws in under two minutes to go up 62-47 while the Bears were mired in a three-minute, eight-second scoring drought.

After a Southwest basket with 1:29 left, Kent Chamblee added a pair of free throws with a minute left to keep the Warriors out of harm's way at 64-49.

"I thought our guys came out the second half and played the way we want to play," ECCC coach Jay Bowen said. "We defended real well. Offensively, I thought we showed a lot of patience and we got it to the right people to score, plus we got it to the right guys going to the free-throw line.

"I thought the difference in the game tonight was Joe Copeland. He did everything you want him to do as a point guard. The first half, we came out kind of tentative and he was the aggressive one. He knocked down some threes and he played like he needs to play. In the second half, the other guys fed off of him and they

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picked it up."

The Warriors got 15 points from Copeland, 14 from Denson, 11 from Craig, eight from Markeith Brown, six from Webb, five from English, and four from Matthew Roebuck.

"It was a big win for us," Bowen said. "First, because it was at home and you want to protect your back yard, but also for the confidence of our guys. We go to Co-Lin the other night and get beat by two. We're playing everybody in the top of the league tough on the road and at our place. We just needed something to give our guys some confidence."

For example, the Warriors own wins over North Division leader Itawamba and second place East Mississippi.

"I thought the big positive tonight was with five minutes to go, we're up five or six and we extend that lead where in the past we haven't extended the lead," Bowen said.

Southwest got 10 points from Khyri Galmore and seven each from Drake, Robert Green, and Daniel McGaffney. Southwest fell to 11-10 and 1-8.

• **ECCC women 102, Southwest 61:** The Lady Warriors — ranked 19th in last week's NJCAA women's poll — were looking for someone to beat up on following Thursday's 30-point loss at No. 6 Copiah-Lincoln, and Southwest got the dubious honor of playing the sacrificial lamb.

ECCC led 54-31 at halftime and led by as much as 43 points in the second half.

The Lady Warriors got 22 points and seven rebounds from Margo Porter, 16 points — all in the first half — from Nicole Cox, 12 points and nine rebounds from Lori Cumberland, 10 points and six rebounds from Jessica Sanders, 10 points from Nikki Lacour, nine points apiece from Alberta Norman and Anna Udicova, and six points from Trelisa Eichelberger. Sophia Reed had five steals and four points. La'Shonda Ford had six rebounds.

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WEEK OF 1/29/01

East Central Lady Warriors earn national juco ranking

East Central Community College's nationally ranked Lady Warriors improved to 15-3 following their 95-76 win over visiting Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday night in Decatur.

The Lady Warriors, ranked 18th in the latest NJCAA poll, are also 6-1 in South Division competition, a game behind the undefeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves.

Margo Porter of Louisville led EC in scoring with 29 points followed by Nicole Cox of Lake who pumped in 25. Also scoring were Nikki Lacour, 12; Lori Cumberland, seven; Alberta Norman and Trelisa Echielberger, six each; Sophia Reed of Forest, and Anna Udicova, four each; and La'Shonda Ford of Forest and Jessica Sanders, one each.

Shanel Handy led Gulf Coast (11-6, 1-6) with 21 points.

East Central held a 49-43 advantage at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 89-84 to the visiting Bulldogs. With the loss, East Central fell to 9-10 overall and 1-6 in division play while Gulf Coast improved to 15-4 and 6-1.

Warrior pointmakers were James Denson, 23; Brett Augusta, 16; Winfred Craig, 15; Chris Webb, nine; Maurice English, eight; Joe Copeland, six; Markeith Brown, three; and Kent Chamblee and Eric Scott, two each.

Freeman Taylor led the Bulldogs with 23 points.

Gulf Coast led 44-39 at the break.

Both East Central squads will be in action Thursday, February 1 against Copiah-lincoln Community College in Wesson. The Lady Warriors and Warriors will host Southwest Mississippi Community College squads on Monday, February 5 in Decatur.

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WEEK OF 1/29/01

Lady Warriors roll past Hinds; Warriors fall

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors rolled to an easy 79-50 win over visiting Hinds Community College Monday night to improve to 14-3 overall and 5-1 in South Division competition.

Margo Porter of Lousiville led EC in scoring with 25 points, followed by Nicole Cox of Lake with 10 baskets. Also scoring were Sophia Reed of Forest, nine; Bernice Hannah of Louisville and Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, eight each; Alberta Norman of Newton and Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La., six each; La'Shonda Ford of Forest, four; Trelisa Eichelberger of Naxapater, two; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, one.

Tomekia Reed of Jackson led Hinds (2-13, 0-5) with 15 points.

East Central led 35-23 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 87-76 to the visiting Eagles.

Winfred Craig of Lousiville led East Central (9-9, 1-5) in scoring with 22 points. Other point makers were Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, 13; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Ark., 10; Eric Scott of Winnsboro, La., nine; James Denson of Choctaw Central, eight; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, five; Brett Augusta of New Orleans, four; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, three; and Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, two.

Emmanuel Green of Jackson led Hinds (4-10, 1-4) with 15 points.

Hinds led 43-33 at the break.

East Central teams will host Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday night. Tip off for the women's game is 6 p.m. with men's action getting underway at approximately 7:45 p.m.

In games scheduled next week, the Warriors travel to Mississippi College on January 29 to take on the junior varsity squad at 5 p.m. in A.E. Wood Coliseum. Both EC squads resume division play at Copiah-Lincoln Community College February 1 in Wesson.

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Week of 1/22/01

East Central splits pair with Gulf Coast

By Marty Stamper

Special to The Star

DECATUR — The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College used the old 1-2 punch of Margo Porter and Nicole Cox for 54 points in taking a 95-76 South Division win over Gulf Coast Thursday night.

The ECCC men lost 89-84 to the Bulldogs.

• **ECCC women 95, Gulf Coast 76:** The Lady Warriors made 36 of their 55 free throws to knock off Gulf Coast in a physical battle that saw 59 fouls called and a pair of ejections on the visitors.

The Lady Warriors led 30-15 midway through the first half only to have Gulf Coast claw to within 44-41 on two free throws by Catryna Martin with 1:33 left before halftime.

ECCC, which entered the game ranked

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ECCC women now 15-3

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SQUEEZED – East Central's Alberta Norman gets a rebound against Gulf Coast's Felecia Spivery (44) and Nykesha Carter (23) Thursday night during the

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No. 18 in this week's NJCAA poll, led 49-43 at the break and had been called for 15 fouls to 11 for Gulf Coast. Porter had 17 points at the break for the Lady Warriors, while Cox had scored 13.

After the Lady Bulldogs closed to within 49-45 early in the second half, the Lady Warriors went on a 16-0 run to go up 66-45. During that four-minute span, Gulf Coast coach Greg Holmes received a technical foul and was later seen waving a white towel and looking at the ECCC bench repeatedly saying, "I give."

Shortly after, Lady Bulldog Felicia Gray received a technical foul and was ejected for elbowing referee Carl Hathorn.

After the Lady Bulldogs finally broke the drought with a basket at the 15:17 mark, Holmes received his second technical and was ejected with 14:50 remaining.

"It was a good offensive show, but the way we played defense the last two games holding one opponent to 46 and the other to 50, I was a little disappointed that we gave up as many points as we did," ECCC coach Sammy Pace said.

The tempo of the game had a lot to do with Gulf Coast's point production.

"Every time we scored we had to give it to them which gave them an opportunity, so I guess you've got to expect them to score," Pace said.

Porter led ECCC with 29 points, including an 11-of-12 showing at the free-throw line. Cox added 25 points. Nikki Lacour scored 12, Lori Cumberland had seven, and Alberta Norman and Trelisa Eichelberger both had six. Cumberland, Lacour, and Norman each had seven rebounds as the Lady Warriors improved to 6-1 in the division and 15-3 overall.

The Lady Warriors are off until next Thursday when they travel to league-leading Copiah-Lincoln.

"If we don't win that one, we don't win the South (Division) unless we get a lot of help from somebody and I don't anticipate that," Pace said.

Gulf Coast (1-6, 11-6) got 21 points from Shanel Handy and 11 from Gray. The Lady Bulldogs were 20-of-30 at the free-throw line and were called for 34 fouls.

• Gulf Coast men 89, ECCC 84: The Warriors trailed 44-39 at halftime and found themselves staring at a 60-48 deficit after Bulldog 6-foot-11 center Andriy Sukhotin scored an easy two points on an inbounds play following an intentional foul on ECCC's Winfred Craig just over five minutes into the second half.

Nineteen seconds later, ECCC's Eric Scott and Gulf Coast's Sukhotin were both ejected for flagrant fouls.

The Warriors fought to within five points on three occasions and got to within four (74-70) on a free throw from Craig with 5:25 to go, but the Bulldogs went on a 5-0 run over the next 80 seconds to take a 79-70 lead.

The Warriors scrapped back to within three when a basket by Chris Webb trimmed the Gulf Coast lead to 85-82 with 44 seconds left.

Two free throws from 6-foot-10 center Nerijus Lisauskas gave the Bulldogs a five-point cushion with 26 seconds left.

ECCC fell to 1-6 in the division and 9-10 overall. The Warriors got 23 points from James Denson, 16 from Brett Augusta, 15 from Craig, nine from Webb, and eight from Maurice English.

Gulf Coast (6-1, 15-4) got 23 points from Freeman Taylor, 21 from Lisauskas, 18 from Marquez Moultrie, and 13 from Algeno Bostic.

NEWTON MESSENGER

WEEK OF January 22

Carthage, Miss., January 25, 2001

Lady Warriors nail Jones Co.

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors posted impressive wins over Pearl River Community College and Jones County Junior College last week to remain among teams battling for the top spot in South Division competition.

The ECCC women, led by longtime head coach Sammy Pace, cruised past Pearl River 64-48 Thursday night in Poplarville after earlier upsetting nationally ranked Jones County 83-68 Tuesday, Jan. 16, in Decatur.

With the wins, the Lady Warriors improved to 13-3 overall and 4-1 in league play.

Margo Porter pumped in 15 points to lead EC against the PRC Lady Wildcats, who fell to 9-7 and 2-3.

Also scoring for the Lady Warriors were Nicole Cox, 13; Alberta Norman, 10; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, three.

Jessica Puechu led PRC with 15 points.

EC held a 31-22 advantage at halftime.

Porter blistered the backboards for 29 points in leading EC past the Lady Bobcats, who were ranked 14th in the national juco poll prior to the division matchup. Jones slipped to 15-2 and 4-1 following the loss.

In addition to Porter, other point makers were Cox, 19; and Nikki Lacour, 17.

Tammika Sims led Jones with 31 points.

Hail Mary!

Lori Cumberland (21) and teammate Anna Udikova, left, seem to receive a blessing from East Central coach Sammy P during EC's win over Pearl River last we

EC led 28-24 at halftime.

Coach Jay Bowen's Warriors had a tough week on the hardwood, as they fell to Pearl River (82-70) and Jones (91-86) and saw their record drop to 9-8 and 1-4.

Markeith Brown scored 19 points to lead East Central against the Wildcats, who improved to 13-3 and 5-0.

Other top scorers were James Denson of Choctaw Central, 13; and Chris Webb, 11.

East Central trailed 44-40 at the break.

In the Warriors' loss to the Bobcats (12-4, 3-2), Matthew Roebuck led with 18 points. Also scoring were Webb, Eric Scott, 12; Brown, 11; B Augusta, 10; Denson, ei and Kent Chamblee of Le Academy, three.

Nick Paige led Jones w 22 points. Jones led 47-44 intermission.

ECCC hosts Gulf Coast Thursday, January 25.

WEEK OF 11/22/01

ECCC STANDOUT - Matthew Roebuck has not let a broken left hand hamper his abilities on the basketball court. Roebuck, a 6-10, 240 pound product of Newton County Academy, applies defensive pressure to Derrick White (23) of Jones County Junior College during the Warriors' 91-86 loss to the visiting Bobcats last week. Roebuck led East Central in scoring with 18 points. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1/15/01

Warriors divide two key division basketball games

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

The Choctaw Central High School boys basketball team ran their overall record to 7-14 on the season with a split of a pair of division games last week.

The Warriors took a 64-53 road win over Carthage High School, before dropping a 68-57 decision to visiting Velma Jackson.

Choctaw Central built up a 34-26 halftime lead against the Tigers, then held on to take the 11-point win.

Jason Shumake led the way with 15 points, while Anselm Henry hit for 13 points and Giovann Dixon scored nine.

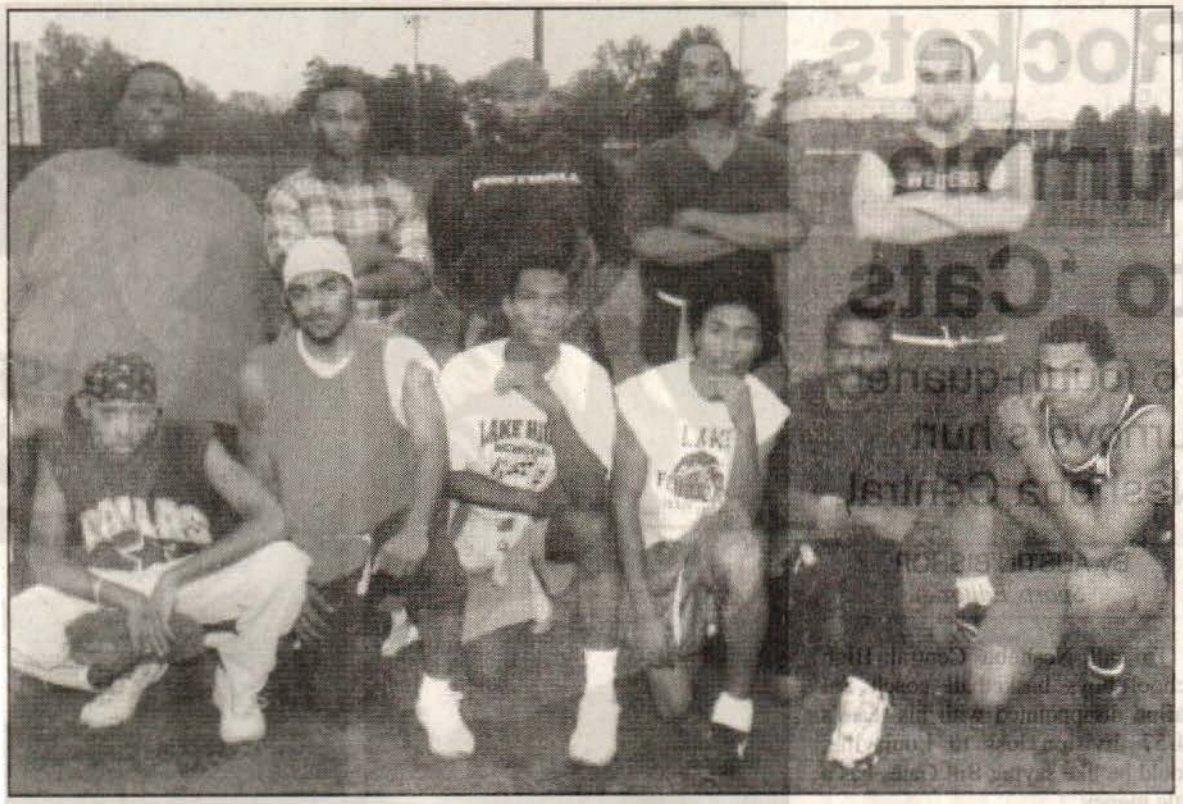
Devon Jim and Kinsey Henry hit for eight points each, while Braden Sam scored seven.

Choctaw Central held a 28-26 hafltime lead against Velma Jackson, only to have the visitors outscore the Warriors 27-7 in the third quarter to take over the game.

CCHS outscored VJ 22-15 in the fourth quarter, but it was too late.

Shumake and Anselm Henry led the Warriors with 10 poitns each in the game, while Dixon hit for 10.

Intramural Runners-Up



A team called Block Burners won second-place honors in the annual intramural football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Ty Stafford of Philadelphia, Larry Davis of Morton, Ike Gray and Otha Lay, of Lake, Jonathan Griffin of Philadelphia and John Booth of Taylorsville; and (standing, from left) Marcus Jones of Forest, Charles Burnside of Carthage, Courtney Boler of Walnut Grove, Earl Gray of Forest and Stevie Woitt of Carthage.

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WEEK OF 1/15/01

ECCC Lady Warriors, Warriors Claim Division Wins At Southwest

DECATUR--East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors returned to their winning ways Thursday night by posting victories at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit.

The EC women jumped out to a nine-point halftime lead over the Lady Bears and then held on for a 72-68 victory. With the win, the Lady Warriors improved to 11-3 overall and 2-1 in South Division competition. Southwest fell to 8-6.

Margo Porter of Louisville led EC in scoring with 21 points. Other scorers were Nicole Cox of Lake, 14; Sophia Reed of Forest, 11; Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, LA, 10; Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, six; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and La'Shonda Ford of Forest, four each; and Alberta Norman of Newton, two.

The Lady Warriors held a 38-29 advantage at halftime.

East Central's men also found themselves in a dogfight and managed an 81-78 win to improve to 9-6 overall and 1-2 in the division. The Bears fell to 9-5.

The Warriors were led in scoring by Winfred Craig of Louisville and Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, who each had 17 points. Other point makers were Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy and Joe Copeland of Emerson, AR, nine each; Brett Augusta of New Orleans, eight; James Denson of Choctaw Central, seven; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, three; and Eric Scott of Winnsboro, LA, two.

East Central led 40-37 at the break.

In games scheduled this week, East Central teams will host Jones County Junior College on Tuesday, January 16 and travel to Pearl River Community College in Poplarville on January 18.

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WEEK OF 1/8/01

ECCC men, women drop division contests

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

DECATUR — East Central Community College dropped a 81-58 women's game to the sixth-ranked team in the country on Monday night.

Copiah-Lincoln jumped out to a 12-point halftime lead and then held on to take the win over the Lady Warriors.

The ECCC men dropped a 71-61 decision to the visiting Wolves in South Division action.

On Thursday, the ECCC women opened the 2001 portion of the schedule with a 71-56 win.

The East Central men also won, upsetting the visiting Indians by the score of 75-66.

"It was a big win for us," said ECCC men's basketball coach Jay Bowen. "I think it really prepared us for what we are going to see in the South Division. It was a tough, physical game and that is just typical junior college basketball."

ECCC, which is now 8-6 on the season and 0-2 in the South following the loss to Co-Lin on Monday, played a solid game against Itawamba.

Joe Copeland led ECCC with 18 points, and converted a huge four-point play to halt a big ICC run early in the second half.

With East Central trailing 48-45 and on a 10-point run, Copeland knocked down a long-range three-pointer and was also fouled on the play.

He hit the free throw to put ECCC up by one. While Itawamba did regain the lead, the Indians couldn't regain the momentum.

"That was a big play for us," Bowen said. "Probably the biggest play of the game."

Former Choctaw Central High School standout James Denson poured in 13 points for the winners and delivered an incredible high-flying dunk early in the second half.

Winfred Craig and Markeith Brown pitched in with 11 points each for ECCC. Former Leake Academy standout Kent Chamblee scored five.

Nicole Cox scored 18 points to lead the ECCC women to the win over ICC.

Anna Udicova scored 17 for the Lady Warriors, while Nikki Lacour hit for 11. The ECCC women are now 10-3 on the year overall and 1-1 in South Division play

The Co-Lin women led East Central by the score of 35-23 at halftime.

La'Shonda Ford led ECCC with 18 points, while Udicova scored 10 and Bernice Hnnnah hit for nine.

Tiffany Dales led Co-Lin with 26 points.

The Co-Lin men led ECCC 35-32 at the half before stretching things out for the 10-point win.

Denson led ECCC with 14 points, while Craig and Roebuck scored 11 each.

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Week of 1/8/01

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

DECATUR — Some guys just love to whine when things don't go their way. Others refuse to quit no matter what the odds.

Consider Chris Webb one of the latter.

When Webb, now a starter for the East Central Community College basketball team, was a sophomore at Neshoba Central High School he was cut from the team by then first-year year head coach Sal LaBue.

"He was such an inspiration," LaBue said. "He just wouldn't go away.

"I cut him from the team. It just didn't seem to me that he was going to be all that good," LaBue said.

But Webb refused to go away.

"He came up to me and asked if he could practice with the team anyway," LaBue said. "I was shocked. I told him I guess he could practice but he was going to have to do everything that everybody else had to do.

"He said, 'fine.'"

The rest, as they say, is history.

Webb played a little junior varsity ball as a sophomore before he was pulled up to the varsity team before the season was over.

The next year he saw more playing time and as a senior he became the Rockets' go-to guy on offense, averaging over 18 points a game.

"It's just an incredible story, it really is," LaBue said.

Webb faced the same kind of odds coming out of high school.

He made the East Central team as a freshman and saw considerable playing time his first year.

This year he is a starter averaging over 10 points a game.

"He is just a tremendously hard worker," said ECCC men's coach Jay Bowen. "Chris is going to have chances to play somewhere next year if he wants to."

Webb is being recruited by several NAIA, Division II and Division III schools, including the likes of Belhaven College in Jackson and Rhodes College in Memphis.

But despite those opportunities, Webb himself hasn't decided exactly what he wants to do.

Webb, who is the son of Stan and Debbie Webb, grew up playing baseball in the Philadelphia parks system.

But he had to find his basketball elsewhere.

"I really started with pickup ball in the year," Webb said. "I always loved to play. It was kind of more of not getting pushed into, but just letting me learn to love it."

Webb, who made the all-star baseball teams as a youth, said he really thought that baseball would be his game.

"Baseball was always natural to me, but then basketball just popped up," he said.

He said it wasn't until the middle of his senior year that he thought he might could play basketball on the next level.

"All the sudden it just hit me — I've got a chance," he said.

The 6-foot shooting guard said he has improved his game since he got to.

"I had to get better," he said. "I needed to get stronger and improve other areas of the game. But, I was determined to do it, so I just stuck with it."

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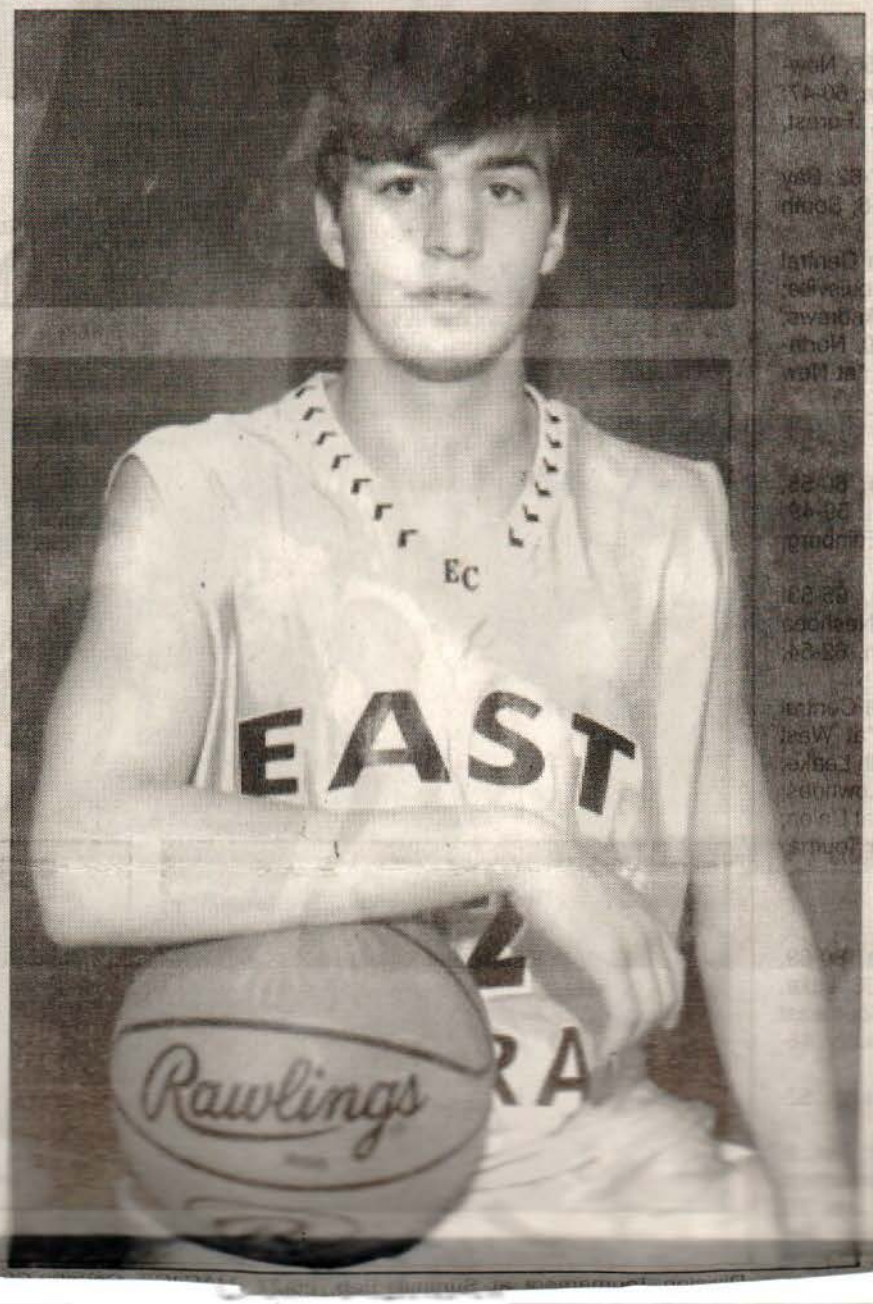
UNTANGLING THE WEBB

Ex-Neshoba Central star refuses to quit

Photo by Bubby Johnston



East Central Community College sophomore Chris Webb, right, hasn't decided whether or not he will play basketball next season. He is shown in the photo at top playing tough defense against Itawamba Community College last week.

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WEEK OF 7/9/01

Nicole Cox inks with UL-Monroe

East Central Community College basketball standout Nicole Cox of Lake is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Cox, a 5-3 point guard, averaged 14 points per game the last two seasons in helping the Lady Warriors to an overall mark of 41 wins and 17 losses during that period. In recognition of her success on the hardwood, Cox was named All-Region 23 and All-State both seasons and was selected an All-Star following the most recent campaign. She helped lead the 2000-2001 Lady Warriors to the Region 23 championship and a berth in the national tournament held in Salina, Kansas. East Central completed season action with a 22-7 mark. Shown with the gifted athlete are her parents, Grover and Margaret Cox of Lake, and (standing from left) Lady Warrior basketball coaches Sammy Pace (head) and Brad Hodge (assistant).

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WEEK OF 7/9/07

Reaping the Spoils of Victory

Rings to Remember

(Top photo) Members of the East Central Community College Lady Warriors basketball team recently received their rings for winning the Region 23 championship in March. Front row from left are Jessica Sanders, Bernice Hannah, Nicole Cox, Lori Cumberland, Carolyn Nettles (who is the mother of the late La'Shonda Ford who was killed in an automobile accident shortly after the school year ended), Jennifer Pace, Margo Porter, (second row) Lee Ann Pittman, coach Brad Hodge, Danyell Hudson, Sasha Lilly, Anna Udicova, Nikki LaCour, and coach Sammy Pace. Above, the Lady Warriors show off the merchandise up close.

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WEEK OF Aug 20

Spirit of Morton

Bowen resigns at ECCC Men's Head Basketball Coach

Jay Bowen has resigned as men's head basketball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president.

Coach Bowen, whose resignation was accepted at today's Board of Trustees meeting, has been named an assistant men's basketball coach at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. Austin Peay competes on the NCAA Division I level and is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Bowen had completed three years of a second stint at East Central prior to accepting the new post. His Warrior squads complied a 34-45 record over the last three campaigns. He previously led East Central teams from 1989 to 1991, during which time the Warriors posted an overall 30-21 mark. His 990-91, during which time the Warriors posted an overall 30-21 mark. His 1990-91 team went 21-6.

Bowen is also a former boys' head basketball coach at Jackson Academy. He previously served as an assistant at Georgia State University in Atlanta; Armstrong State College in Savannah; and Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Sutphin said East Central will begin an immediate search for Bowen's successor. Applicants for the position should contact Terry Underwood, athletic director/head football coach, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 244.

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WEEK OF Oct 22

Warriors, Lady Warriors Prepare for Season Opener

A new era in East Central Community College basketball gets underway Friday, November 2, when the Warriors and Lady Warriors travel to Holmes Community College in non-division action on the Goodman campus.

Both EC squads are led by new head coaches – Billy Smith, who assumed the men's job following Jay Bowen's departure in August, and Brad Hodge, who was selected to guide the women's program following the retirement of Sammy Pace.

Smith, a former high school girls' coach at Neshoba Central where his teams amassed a 388-151 record – including a state championship - during his 16-year tenure, said he has been pleased with the response of his new team.

"We began workouts on October 1 and have basically been finding out who can learn our way of doing things the quickest. We haven't had any problems so far getting our message across to the players. They are a real energetic bunch and have worked very hard. So far they have done everything that we have asked them to do. Everything is really going quite well," Smith said.

The Warriors are led by returning sophomore James Denson, a 6'3 guard/forward from Choctaw Central, who averaged 12.2 points and 7.5 rebounds on last year's 12-14 squad. Other top returnees include Winfred Craig, a 6'4" forward from Louisville, who averaged 11.3 points and 4.9 rebounds, and Markeith Brown, a 5'11" guard from Provine High School in Jackson, who scored 9.8 points and had 4.4 rebounds per contest. Other returnees are Maurice English, a 6'3" guard from Union, and Clint Hatch, a 6'6" forward/center from Carthage,

Freshmen are Kevin Bobbitt, a 6' guard from Lake; Maweesha Carter, a 6'7" center from Ft. Payne (Ala.); Reggie Carter, a 6'5" forward/center from University Christian; Donzel Crenshaw, a 6'4" guard/forward from Ridgeway High School in Memphis; Carlton Dodd, a 6'1" guard from Thomastown; Will Florence, a 6' guard from North Delta High School in Courtland, Miss.; Corey Hornsby, a 6'5" forward from Istrouma/Wallace State; Daniel Price, a 6' guard from Wingfield/Coahoma; Demario Qualls, a 6' guard from Newton; and Jason Richardson, a 6'7" center from Wilcox Central (Ala.).

Succeeding someone as successful as Sammy Pace will not be an easy task, but Brad Hodge said following his former boss has been made somewhat easier because of the players he has brought to the program.

"I've been very fortunate to walk into my first head coaching job and have the leadership that we've got from the sophomores. So from that standpoint, the transition has been so much easier. I can't ask for any more leadership than has been provided from this group of sophomores," Hodge said.

Returnees from last year's 22-7 team that captured the Region 23 Tournament title include Nikki Lacour, a 5'9" guard from Natchitoches Central (La.), Lori Cumberland, a 5'9" guard from Leake Academy and Trelisa Eichelberger, a 5'9" forward from Noxapater.

Lacour is the returning leading scorer, averaging 9.9 points and 5.2 rebounds. Cumberland averaged 2.7 points and 2.4 rebounds, and Eichelberger scored 2.9 points and had 4 rebounds per contest.

Other sophomores include former Lady Warrior Becky Killen, a 5'5" guard from Sebastopol, and transfers Christina Ford, a 5'8" guard/forward from Enterprise and Shelley Giddings, a 5'6" guard from University City High School n Philadelphia, PA.

Freshmen are Crystal Lewis, a 5'4"guard and Melinda Ben, a 5"9" forward/guard, both from Choctaw Central; Tamekia Foley, a 5'10" guard and Lakelia Bogan, a 6'3" center, both from Newton County; Patsy McKee, a 5'5" guard from Forest; Shaneka Cistrunk, a 5'7" guard from Louisville; Ashley Brown, a 6' center from Scott Central; and Belinda Potter, a 6'3" center from Neville High School in Monroe, LA.

Serving as first-year assistant coaches are Shane Eck (men), a former assistant at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and Toby Bush (women), who previously served head student manager at the Univ sity of Memphis.

Joey McLeod of Ru Sports Medicine serves as athle trainer.

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Members of the East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team include (seated, from left) center Belinda Potter of Neville High School (Monroe, La); guard Becky Killen of Sebastopol, guard Crystal Lewis of Choctaw Central, guard Shelley Giddings of University City High School (Philadelphia, Penn.), guard Patsy McKee of Forest, guard Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, forward/guard Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, guard Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches Central (Natchitoches, La.), and guard Tamekia Foley of Newton County High School; and (standing from left) student assistants Ashley Jones of Newton, Amanda Grayson of Sebastopol, Jill Daugherty of Carthage and Danyell Hudson of Noxapater, center Lakelia Bogan of Newton County High School, center Ashley Brown of Scott Central, guard/forward Christina Ford of Enterprise, forward Trelisa Elchelberger of Noxapater, assistant coach Toby Bush and head coach Brad Hodge.

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WEEK OF Oct 29

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior basketball team include (seated, from left) student assistant Timothy Morgan of Lake, guard Will Florence of North Delta High School (Courtland, Ms.), guard Joey Dixon of Mendenhall, guard Maurice English of Union, forward Winfred Craig of Louisville, guard Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, guard Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, guard Carlton Dodd of Thomastown, guard Demario Qualls of Newton and student assistant Kenny McWilliams of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) head coach Bill Smith, guard/forward Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School (Memphis, Tenn.), forward/center Clint Hatch of Carthage, forward Corey Hornsby of Istrourna High School (Baton Rouge, La.), center Maweessha Carter of Fort Payne High School (Ft. Payne, Ala.), center Jason Richardson of Wilcox Central High School (Pine Hill, Ala.), forward/center Reggie Carter of University Christian School (Pearl), guard/forward James Denson of Choctaw Central and assistant coach Shane Eck.

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WEEK OF Oct 29

New era in ECCC basketball is on tap

A new era in East Central Community College basketball gets underway Friday, November 2, when the Warriors and Lady Warriors travel to Holmes Community College in non-division action on the Goodman campus.

Both EC squads are led by new head coaches - Billy Smith, who assumed the men's job following Jay Bowen's departure in August, and Brad Hodge, who was selected to guide the women's program following the retirement of Sammy Pace.

Smith, a former high school girls' coach at Neshoba Central where his teams amassed a 388-151 record - including a state championship - during his 16 year tenure, said he has been pleased with the response of his new team.

"We began workouts on October 1 and have basically been finding out who can learn our way of doing things the quickest.

"We haven't had any problems so far getting our message across to the players. They are a real energetic bunch and have worked very hard. So far they have done everything that we have asked them to do. Everything is really going quite well," Smith said.

The Warriors are led by returning sophomore James Denson, a 6'3 guard/forward from Choctaw Central, who averaged 12.2 points and 7.5 rebounds on last year's 12-14 squad. Other top returnees include Winfred Craig, a 6'4" forward from Louisville, who averaged 11.3 points and 4.9 rebounds, and Markeith Brown, a 5'11 " guard from Provine High School in Jackson, who scored 9.8 points and had 4.4 rebounds per contest. Other returnees are Maurice English, a 6'3" guard from Union, and Clint Hatch, a 6'6" forward/center from Carthage,

Freshmen are Kevin Bobbitt, a 6' guard from Lake; Maweesha Carter, a 67' center from Ft. Payne (Ala.); Reggie Carter, a 6'5" forward/center from University Christian; Donzel Crenshaw, a 6'4" guard/forward from Ridgeway High School in Memphis; Carlton Dodd, a 6'1 " guard from Thomastown; Will Florence, a 6' guard from North Delta High School in Courtland, Miss.; Corey Hornsby, a 6'5" forward from Istrou ma/Wal lace State; Daniel Price, a 6' guard from Wingfield/Coahoma; Demario Qualls, a 6' guard from Newton; and Jason Richardson, a 6'7" center from Wilcox Central (Ala.).

Succeeding someone as successful as Sammy Pace will not be an easy task, but Brad Hodge said following his former boss has been made somewhat easier because of the players he has brought to the program.

"I've been very fortunate to walk into my first head coaching job and have the leadership that we've got from the sophomores. So from that standpoint, the transition has been so much easier. I can't ask for any more leadership than has been provided from this group of sophomores," Hodge said.

Returnees from last year's 22-7 team that captured the Region 23 Tournament title include Nikki Lacour, a 5'9" guard from Natchitoches Central

(La.), Lori Cumberland, a 5'9" guard from Leake Academy and Trelisa Eichelberger, a 519" forward from Noxapater.

Lacour is the returning leading scorer, averaging 9.9 points and 5.2 rebounds. Cumberland averaged 2.7 points and 2.4 rebounds, and Eichelberger scored 2.9 points and had 1.4 rebounds per contest.

Other sophomores include former Lady Warrior Becky Killen, a 5'5" guard from Sebastopol, and transfers Christina Ford, a 5'8" guard/forward from Enterprise and Shelley Giddings, a 5'6" guard from University City High School n Philadelphia, PA.

Freshmen are Crystal Lewis, a 5'4"guard and Melinda Ben, a 5'9" forward/guard, both from Choctaw Central; Tamekia Foley, a 5'10" guard and Lakelia Bogan, a 6'3" center, both from Newton County; Patsy McKee, a 5'5" guard from Forest; Shaneka Cistrunk, a 57" guard from Louisville; Ashley Brown, a 6' center from Scott Central; and Belinda Potter, a 6'3" center from Neville High School in Monroe, LA.

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WEEK OF Oct 29

ECCC Lady Warriors to repeat

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — If the 2001-2002 basketball season ends like last year, it will suit the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College just fine.

The Lady Warriors won the Region 23 championship and advanced to the NJCAA Women's National Championship at Salina, Kan., where they lost a one-point decision to eventual national champion Cloud County (Kan.) in the first round.

The Lady Warriors know they'll be wearing the bull's eye when they take the court this winter.

"It could be worse," said Brad Hodge, who moves up to interim head coach following the retirement of Sammy Pace. "We could be sitting around 1-and-20-something and nobody setting goals after us.

"I told them I'd rather have the target on us and have people coming after us. I told them the story of the lion and the gazelle. No matter what, you've still got to get up every morning running. I'd rather have someone chasing us and trying to catch up than us trying to catch up to someone else.

"We've got a good group that can handle that pressure.

"I've been very fortunate to walk into my first head coaching job and have the leadership that we've gotten from the sophomores. I can't ask for any more leadership than has been provided from this group of sophomores."

ECCC opens its season Friday at Holmes before hosting Northeast Mississippi on Nov. 8.

"We've got one starter back," Hodge said. "After that, we've only got one with any other game experience from last year."

The lone returning starter from last year's 22-7 team is 5-foot-9 guard Nikki LaCour, who averaged 9.9 points and 5.2 rebounds as a freshman out of Natchitoches (La.) Central High School.

Also returning as a top sub from a year ago is Lori Cumberland, a 5-foot-9 guard from Leake Academy. She averaged 2.7 points and 2.4 rebounds.

Also back from the 2000-2001 team is 5-foot-9 forward Trelisa Eichelberger from Noxapater, who averaged 2.9 points and 1.4 rebounds.

Hodge has a few more vets who either sat out last year or have transferred from other schools.

Returning after a one-year layoff is 5-foot-5 guard Becky Killen from Sebastopol.

"She's a shooter that can help," Hodge said. "Late in the year, you want somebody that can knock down shots and she can knock down some shots."

Transferring to ECCC from Tougaloo College is 5-foot-8 guard/forward Christina Ford from Enterprise.

"She's got a lot of experience," Hodge said. "She was the leading scorer and leading rebounder for Tougaloo and was in the top five in their division in both categories, but playing at Tougaloo and playing in this league is a big difference. She's got a lot of adjustments to make."

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Another incoming sophomore is 5-foot-6 guard Shelley Giddings from University City High School in Philadelphia, Pa.

Freshmen are 5-foot-9 guard/forward Melinda Ben and 5-foot-4 guard Crystal Lewis, both from 2001 Class 3A state semifinalist Choctaw Central; 6-foot center Ashley Brown from 2000 Class 1A state champion Scott Central; 6-foot-3 center Lakelia Bogan and 5-foot-10 guard Tamekia Foley, both from Newton County; 5-foot-7 guard Shaneka Cistrunk from Louisville; 5-foot-5 guard Patsy McKee from Forest, and 6-foot-3 center Belinda Potter from Neville High School in Monroe, La.

"We feel good about where we're at," Hodge said. "It could be better. We've got some size that we have not had, but they don't have the experience that we need right now. We're going to have some growing pains."

Just as long as they're cured by March.

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Jan. 14- at Co-Lin
Jan. 17- Southwest Ms
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Jan. 24- Pearl River CC
Jan. 28- at Hinds
Jan. 31- at Gulf Coast CC
Feb. 4- at MCC (women)
Feb. 4- at Ms. College (men)
Feb. 7- Co-Lin
Feb. 11- at Southwest Ms.
Feb. 14- Jones Jr. College
Feb. 18- at Pearl Rive
Feb. 21- Hinds
Feb. 25-28- State Tourney
March 4-7- Regional Tourney

DECATUR — The East Central Community College Dinner Theater production of Nick Hall's "Accommodations" will be staged Nov. 15-17 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on campus. Show times are 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 and include the meal.

The three-act comedy is about three young adults, one man and two women, who answer advertisements for roommates.

For more information call Juanita West, production director at ECCC, 635-2111, ext. 236, or toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 236.

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WEEK OF Nov 5

Lady Warriors start season with win

Brad Hodge did not have to wait long to get his first win as East Central Community College women's head basketball coach as the Lady Warriors cruised past Holmes Community College 60-42 Friday night in Goodman in the season opener for both squads.

Hodge, who served the past two seasons as an assistant for East Central's men and women's programs, saw his Lady Warriors take control early in the non-division matchup. East Central never relinquished the lead after going on top 13-12 and the Lady Bulldogs got no closer than six points throughout the contest.

Sophomore guard Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy led East Central with 14 points. Belinda Potter, a freshman center from Neville High School in Monroe, La., added 10 points. Also scoring were Tamekia Foley of Newton County, eight; Becky Killen of Sebastopol, Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches (La.) Central and Ashley Brown of Scott Central, six each; and Christina Ford of Enterprise, four.

The Lady Warriors led 26-21 at halftime.

In men's action, first-year head coach Bill Smith will have to wait at least until Thursday to notch his initial victory in leading the Warriors, who fell 81-57 to the host Bulldogs.

Sophomore forward Winfred Craig of Louisville was the top scorer for East Central with 16 points. Other point makers were Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, 12; James Denson of Choctaw Central, 11; Corey Hornsby of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., eight; Maurice English of Union, four; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two each; and Carlton Dodd of Thomastown, one.

The Warriors trailed 32-31 at the break.

East Central hosts Northeast Mississippi Community College on Thursday, November 8 and travels to Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead on Monday, November 12. Game times are 6 p.m. (women) and 7:45 p.m. (men).

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Flashback

East Central Community College Lady Warriors – November, 1988

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WEEK OF Nov 12

ECCC 71
EMCC 64

The Warriors got their first win of the season with the seven-point victory.

ECCC led 32-30 at halftime behind 11 points from Winfred Craig and 10 from Maurice English.

The Lions were led by Ryan Rodriguez with 10 points in the first half.

Three baskets by James Denson gave the Warriors a 38-34 lead with 17:30 to go.

EMCC fought back to take a 46-44 lead with 13:26 remaining on a steal and layup by Dennis Dupree after a pair of 3-pointers from ReShard Alonza.

The Warriors reclaimed the lead with a 7-0 run over the next three minutes and would never trail again. A 3-pointer from English highlighted the run.

The Lions crept back to within 58-56 on a free throw from Charles Braxton with 2:49 left, but didn't score again until just 49 seconds remained when Raphael Edwards made the second of two free throws. By then, the Warriors had built a 65-57 lead.

"We played a lot better tonight," ECCC first-year coach Bill Smith said. "We executed a lot better than what we have in the first three games and I thought we played with a lot better effort tonight.

"We executed some things that made a lot of difference in the game. Maurice English came in and gave us a lift in the first half. He hit some big buckets and got some big rebounds.

"Jason Richardson came in a did a real good for a few minutes.

"We had a chance to fold

ECCC 62
EMCC 45

The Lady Warriors improved to 3-1 with the 17-point win over EMCC, 0-4.

A 3-pointer from Tamekia Foley with 10:30 left in the first half put ECCC up 11-9 and the Lady Warriors never trailed after that.

A 5-0 run by 6-foot-3 freshman center Belinda Potter of Monroe, La., over a 49-second span in the final two minutes of the first half extended ECCC's advantage to 33-19 which the Lady Warriors took into halftime.

Potter had 11 first half points with Nikki LaCour adding eight and Foley tossing in seven.

"She's come along," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said of Potter. "She's got tools that we can't teach being 6-foot-3. Day by day, she's getting better. She's was hard to guard tonight.

"Tamekia Foley was the player of the game. She gave us a spark in the first half when we needed it. She hit three of her first four shots and spread their zone out. When they went to man, that's how Potter got her points."

EMCC got to within 37-22 on a three-point play by Margaret McClure with 16:11 left, but the Lady Lions didn't get their next basket of the second half until 12:30 remained when Erica Ray connected on a 3-pointer to trim ECCC's lead to 41-27. The Lady Lions got no closer than 15 points the rest of the night.

Potter led ECCC with 17 points. LaCour scored 12 with Foley adding 10. Ten Lady Warriors scored with a 6-of-18 showing at the free-throw line being the only big negative.

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WEEK OF 19 Nov 2001

ECCC takes two from EMCC

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors went 2-0, while the Warriors were 1-1 in last week's basketball action.

Entering this week, the Lady Warriors were 3-1, while the Warriors were 1-3.

by Marty Stamper

• **EC women 63, Delta 57:** The Lady Warriors improved to 2-1 with the Nov. 12 victory at Moorhead.

Christina Ford led EC with 20 points. Nikki LaCour and Belinda Potter both scored 14.

• **Delta men 83, EC 76:** The Warriors fell to 0-3 with the Nov. 12 loss at Moorhead.

Corey Hornsby paced the Warriors with 24 points. Markeith Brown tossed in 17, while Maurice English and Winfred Craig both had 10.

• **EC women 62, East Mississippi 45:** The Lady Warriors improved to 3-1 with Thursday's 17-point win at Decatur.

EC led 33-19 at halftime.

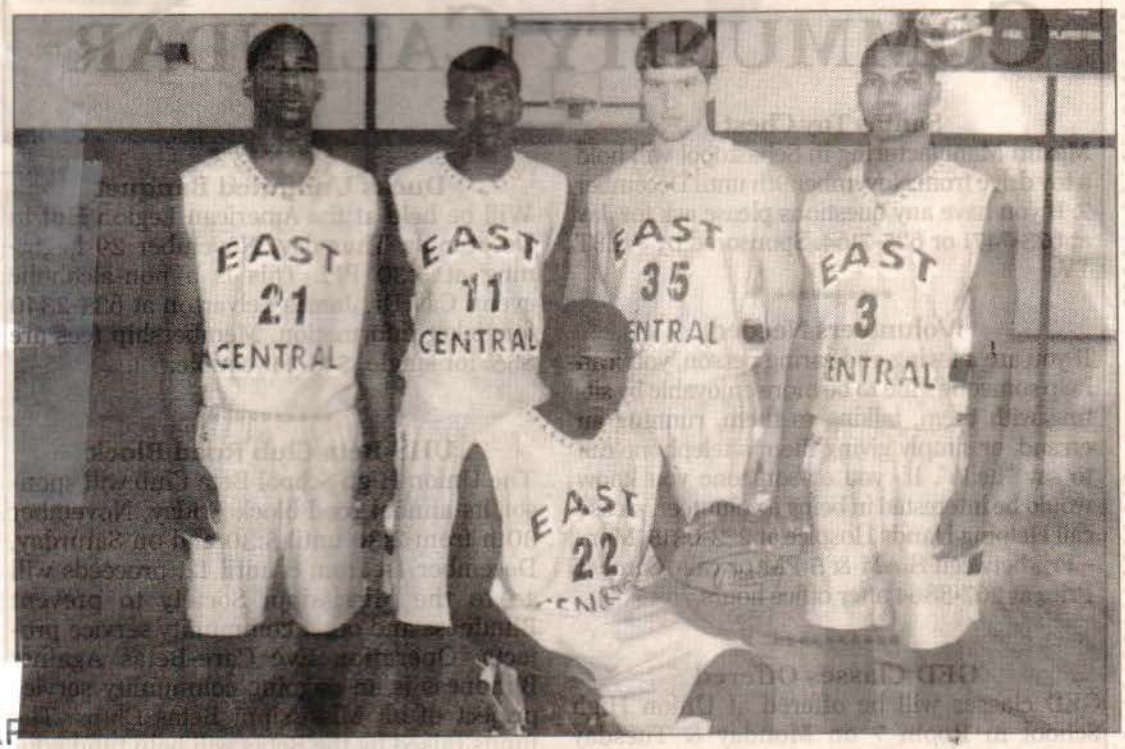
Belinda Potter of Monroe, La., pumped in 17 points to lead EC. Nikki LaCour added 12 points with Tamekia Foley of Newton County scoring 10. Margaret McClure led EMCC, 0-4, with nine.

• **EC men 71, East Mississippi 64:** The Warriors got their first win of the Bill Smith Era Thursday at Decatur.

EC, 1-3, got 16 points from James Denson, 15 from Union's Maurice English, 12 from Winfred Craig, nine from Corey Hornsby, and eight from Markeith Brown.

Raphael Edwards of Starkville had 21 points to lead the Lions, 1-3.

EC led 32-30 at halftime.



Sophomore Warriors

Sophomores on the 2001-02 East Central Community College men's basketball team are (kneeling) Markeith Brown and standing, from left, Winfred Craig, Maurice English of Union, Clint Hatch, and James Denson.

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WEEK OF Nov. 19, 2001

Prepare for another winning season

Expected to lead the East Central Community College women's basketball team to another successful campaign are sophomores (from left) guard/forward Christina Ford of Enterprise, forward Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, and guards Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La.; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, Shelley Giddings of Universal City High School in Philadelphia, Penn.; and Becky Killen of Sebastopol. The Lady Warriors, lad by first-year head coach Brad Hodge, are the defending Region 23 Tournament champions. They, begin home action on Thursday, November 8 against Northeast Mississippi Community College. Tip-off time is set for 6 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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WEEK OF Nov 26

East Central tourney underway

The annual East Central Community College High School Tournament opened Monday with eight basketball games.

The opening night featured four girls' games and four boys' games.

The girls' bracket is expected to be highly competitive this year with defending Class 1A champ Lake at the top.

Also featured are solid squads from Newton, Scott Central, Neshoba Central, South Leake and West Lauderdale.

Seven of the girls' teams in the tournament advanced beyond division play last season.

The tournament continues with losers' bracket games on Thursday, with the semifinals set for Friday and the championships set for Saturday.

The Sebastopol boys and girls were expected to play on Thursday, while results from Tuesday's games, including a matchup between the South Leake Wildcats and Carthage Tigers, were not available at press time.

The loser of the South Leake/Carthage game will play Thursday at 5:30 p.m. against either Sebastopol or Newton in the south gym or old gym.

Award winning coach

Former ECCC coach Willie Coats holds a Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the All-American Football Foundation Banquet of Champions recently.

East Central CC Tournament

Girls:

Consolation final, Sat., 1 pm
Third-place, Sat., 4 pm
Championship, Sat., 7 pm

Boys:

Consolation final, Sat., 2:30 pm
Third-place, Sat., 5:30 pm
Championship, Sat., 8:30 pm

NOTE: All games played at Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium in Decatur.

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WEEK OF Nov 26 2001

LaCour leads Lady Warriors past Coast

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Led by Nikki LaCour's career-high 42 points, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors posted an 81-71 MACJC South Division win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Thursday night.

It was a pretty sweet belated birthday present for the sophomore guard from Natchitoches, La., who turned 20 Tuesday.

The Lady Warriors improved to 6-1 with the win, handing Gulf Coast its first loss in the process.

The ECCC men lost a 95-76 contest to the Bulldogs to fall to 3-4.

ECCC returns to action here Monday against Mississippi Delta.

ECCC women	**81**
Gulf Coast	**71**

It didn't take long to realize the women's game was going to be physical and lengthy as the teams combined for 29 fouls in the first half.

Behind 17 points from LaCour, ECCC carried a 43-33 advantage into halftime.

With 11:31 remaining in the game, both teams were already in the double bonus. Before the night was done, the teams combined for 66 fouls and 89 free throws in the two-hour, seven-minute marathon.

Gulf Coast, 5-1, got to within 56-51 with just under 10 minutes left, but LaCour made four layups over a four-minute span as the Lady Warriors upped their lead back to 10 at 67-57.

Gulf Coast closed to within 70-69 on a pair of free throws from Kesha Carter with 2:33 remaining.

LaCour converted a three-point play with 2:05 to go for a 73-69 lead and Lori Cumberland drove the baseline for a layup 28 seconds later. The two sophomores combined for ECCC's last 11 points.

LaCour was 14-of-17 at the free-throw line after going 14-of-17 in two games last week.

"That was a fantastic job by Nikki," ECCC first-year head coach Brad Hodge said. "We couldn't get any production from anybody else. We tried mixing it up, looking for somebody to give us a spark. Trelisa Eichelberger came off the bench and gave us a great spark with eight points, but that was the only one we got.

"Nikki put us on her shoulders and showed a lot of character. She's a true warrior."

Cumberland finished with nine points, while Eichelberger, Ashley Brown, and Christina Ford each scored eight.

Gulf Coast got 19 points from Monique Cowans, 15 from Myeisha Mingo, and nine from Mashika Davis.

Gulf Coast men	**95**
ECCC	**76**

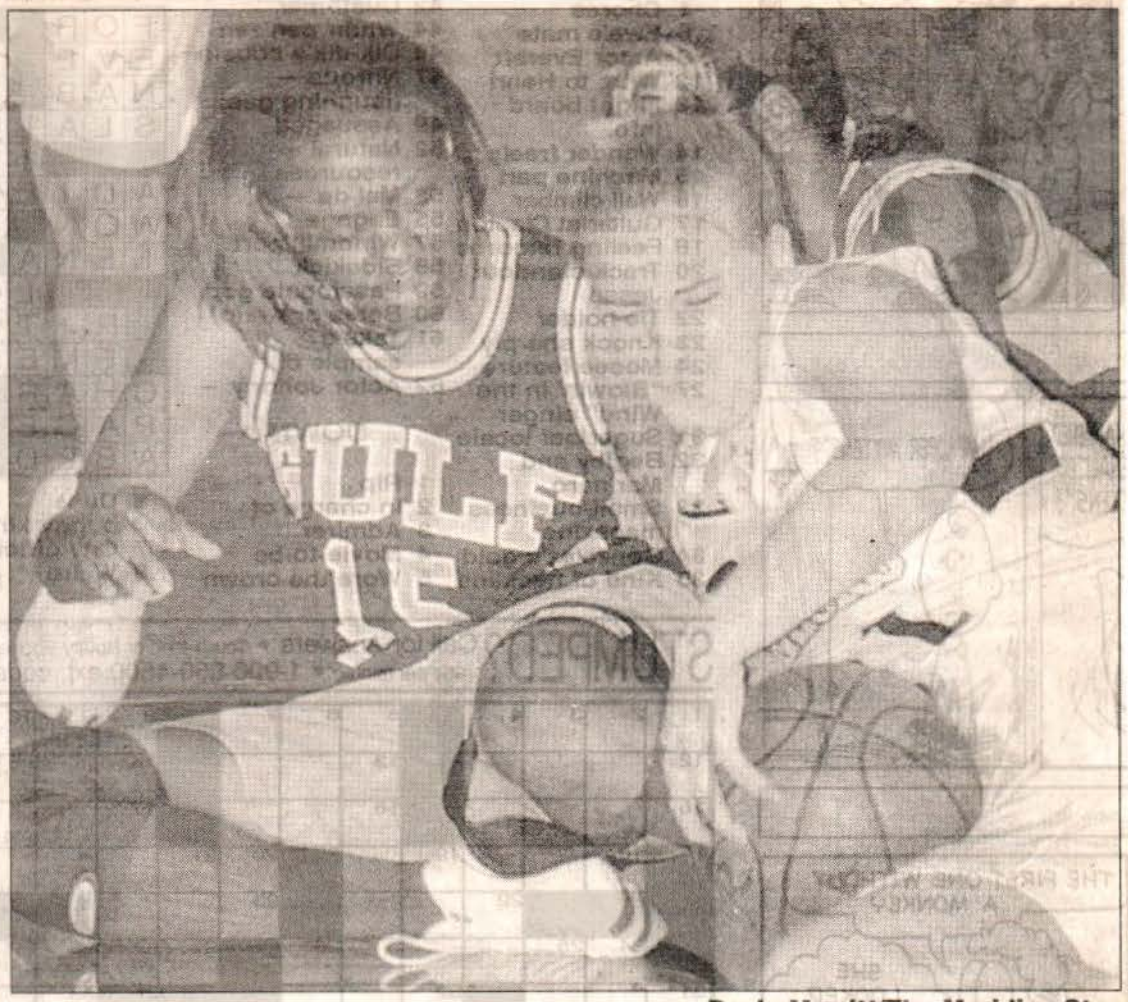
Gulf Coast carried a 56-32 lead into halftime with 27 points coming from 3-point range. The Bulldogs finished the night with 11 3-pointers.

The Warriors closed to within 58-45 with a 13-2 run to start the second half only to have Gulf Coast pull back out to a 22-point advantage.

A jumper from the right wing by Clint Hatch pulled ECCC back to within 13 at 76-63 with 8:30 remaining, but the Bulldogs scored the next six points and were never threatened again.

ECCC got 17 points from James Denson, 13 from Winfred Craig, 12 from Demario Qualls, and nine from Donzel Crenshaw. Leading scorer Corey Hornsby did not dress out due to a knee injury.

Gulf Coast, 6-1, got 22 points apiece from Derrick Powe and Marquez Moultrie. Powe hit five 3-pointers in the first half.



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FIGHTING IT OUT — ECCC's Lori Cumberland, right, and Gulf Coast's Catryna Martin scramble for ball possession.

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Week of Nov 26, 200

Nanih Waiya girls stay alive in ECCC tourney

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

Nanih Waiya and Union have got a pretty good rivalry going on in sports this year with both dishing out their share of misery on the other.

The latest installment saw the Lady Warriors from Winston County take a 46-36 victory in the losers' bracket of the East Central Community College Central Mississippi Classic Thursday.

Union started hot, leading 13-8 by the end of the first quarter, but managed only 23 points over the final 24 minutes.

Nanih Waiya drew even at 19-19 by halftime and entered the fourth quarter with a 35-29 advantage.

Cynthia Madison led Nanih Waiya, 4-1, with 13 points. Ashley Pugh scored 10, while Heather Steele and Christy Hickman both had eight.

Nanih Waiya was 19-of-35 at the free-throw line.

"We got a chance to go to the free-throw line and make some free throws that were pretty big for us," Nanih Waiya coach Ken McMullan said. "We had several girls get up there and knock down two free throws. That was big. I thought we made enough free throws to hold on and we rebounded well enough to beat them, but they played well and got after us."

Union, 1-4, got nine points from Lauren White, eight from LaSaundra Harrison, and six from Marley Smith.

Nanih Waiya faces Philadelphia tonight at 7 p.m. in a losers' bracket contest, while Union was eliminated with the loss.

Other losers' bracket games today have the Morton, 2-5, and Carthage girls playing at 4 p.m. followed by the Union, 1-3, and Scott Central, 1-3, boys at 5:30. Sebastopol, 4-6, and Morton, 4-1, close out losers' bracket action at 8:30 with a boys' game.

In the winners' bracket, Neshoba Central, 8-2, meets West Lauderdale, 7-1, at 4 p.m. in a girls' contest, followed by the Neshoba Central, 5-2, and Newton County, 4-0, boys at 5:30. The Newton, 3-0, and Lake, 2-1, girls tangle at 7 with West Lauderdale, 7-1, meeting Forest, 7-0, in a boys' contest at 8:30.

Philadelphia girls	**48**
Sebastopol	**38**

Erica Clemons scored nine of her team-high 13 points in the fourth quarter as the Lady Tornadoes eliminated Sebastopol, 4-8.

Philadelphia took a 16-15 edge into halftime.

The Lady Tornadoes also got 10 points from Dominetrix Hunter, nine from Shekara Young, and eight from Tina Willis.

Ashley Johnson led the Lady Bobcats with 12 points. Brittany Gordon scored nine with Tuesdie Gordon adding seven.

Union boys	**62**
Lake	**47**

The Yellowjackets got their first win of the season with a 15-4 advantage in the third period giving them a 15-point cushion.

Derrick Harris led Union with 21 points. Prentiss Evans scored 15, Douglas Wansley added nine, and Quincy Larkin and Anthony Johnson both had seven.

Willie Hickmon led Lake, 0-4, with 16 points.

Sebastopol boys	**49**
Carthage	**46**

The Bobcats outscored Carthage 22-10 in the fourth quarter to pull off the upset. Carthage led 21-18 at halftime and 36-27 going into the fourth quarter.

Sylvester Snow led Sebastopol with 20 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter comeback.

Curtis Price tossed in 13.

WEEK OF Nov 26

ECCC Takes Pair From Itawamba

After sweeping Holmes Community College in first-round action of East Central Community Collegeís invitational tournament on November 19, the Lady Warriors and Warriors provided the same fate for Itawamba Community College the following day, although posting victories over the Indians and Lady Indians were not as easy as both games were decided by a single point.

The East Central women - thanks to two late free throws by sophomore Christina Ford of Enterprise - held on for a 59-58 decision, while a three-point shot by freshman Corey Hornsby of Baton Rouge proved to be the difference in the Warriorsí 68-67 nail-bitter over the Itawamba men, led by former ECCC coach Marty Cooper.

With the victories, the Lady Warriors improved to 5-1 under first-year head coach Brad Hodge, and the Warriors evened their record to 3-3 for Billy Smith, who is also in his first year at East Central.

The Lady Warriors were led in scoring by sophomore Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches (La.) Central who had 17 points. Other scorers were Ford, 15; Belinda Potter of Monroe, La., 13; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, seven; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, three; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and Lakelia Bogan of Newton County, two each.

The Lady Warriors trailed 29-24 at the break.

Hornsby paced the Warriors with 16 points. Other point makers were Winfred Craig of Louisville and Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, 13 each; James Denson of Choctaw Central, nine; Maurice English of Union, four; Donzel Crenshaw of Memphis, three; and Clint Hatch of Carthage and Reggie Carter of University Christian, two each.

EC had a 40-38 advantage at halftime.

East Central teams resume play following the Thanksgiving holidays by hosting division foe Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday night. The Lady Warriors and Warriors entertain Mississippi Delta Community College on Monday, December

ECCC Gospel Choir Plans Fall Concert

The East Central Community College Gospel Choir will hold its annual fall concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. The public is invited and there is no charge for admission.

Serving as guest speaker is the Rev. Odell Hopkins of Meridian.

The guest choir will be Children of Christ from Morton.

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ECCC Hosts Annual H S Tourney

Competition gets underway Monday, November 27, for the annual Central Mississippi Classic hosted by East Central Community College in Decatur.

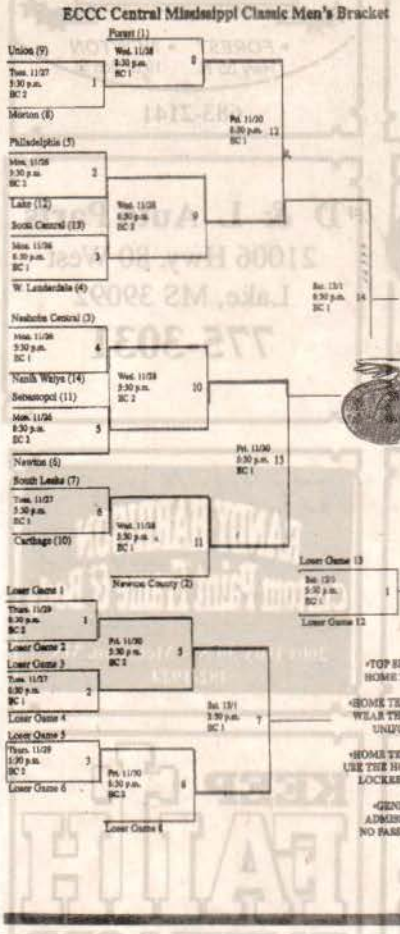
Fifteen girls' teams and 14 boys' squads have entered the weeklong basketball tournament, scheduled at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and the South Campus gym.

Schools participating in the double-elimination event include Morton, Forest, Lake, Newton, Carthage, Noxapater, Scott Central, Neshoba Central, Nanih Waiya, Union, South Leake, Newton County, Philadelphia, Sebastopol and West Lauderdale.

Finals are scheduled Saturday, December 1.

For more information contact the ECCC Athletic Office, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 310.

ECCC Central Mississippi Classic Men's Bracket



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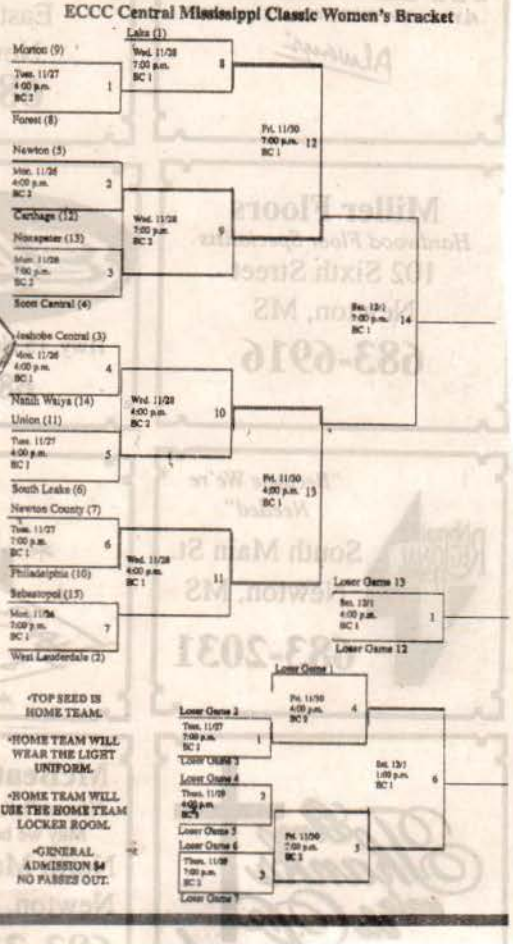


WEEK OF Nov 26

ECCC takes two wins each

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors and Warriors both claimed homecourt wins over Holmes and Itawamba in pre-Thanksgiving action at Decatur.

The Lady Warriors brought a 5-1 record into this week, while the Warriors evened their mark at 3-3 with their third-straight win.

• **EC women 77, Holmes 62:** Sophomore guard Nikki LaCour scored 15 points to lead the Lady Warriors past Holmes on Nov. 19. LaCour was 7-of-8 at the free-throw line.

EC led 39-20 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors also got 13 points apiece from Melinda Ben and Christina Ford, 12 from Belinda Potter, six from Becky Killen, and four each from Tamekia Foley, Lakelia Bogan, and Patsy McKee.

Monica Lee led Holmes, 2-4, with 12.

• **EC men 70, Holmes 65:** The Warriors atoned for an 81-57 season-opening beating with their win on Nov. 19.

Freshman forward Corey Hornsby had 18 points to lead the Warriors, 2-3. Winfred Craig scored 17, James Denson tossed in 10, and Markeith Brown and Donzel Crenshaw both added eight.

B.J. Townsend led Holmes, 3-3, with 16.

Holmes led 35-33 at the break.

• **EC women 59, Itawamba 58:** EC played chase most of the night before taking the one-point win on Nov. 20.

Nikki LaCour scored all 17 of her points in the second half as the Lady Warriors improved to 5-1. She was 7-of-9 at the free-throw line.

Christina Ford tossed in 15 points for EC, with Belinda Potter scoring 13 and Shaneka Cistrunk adding seven.

Itawamba, which led 29-24 at halftime, fell to 2-3.

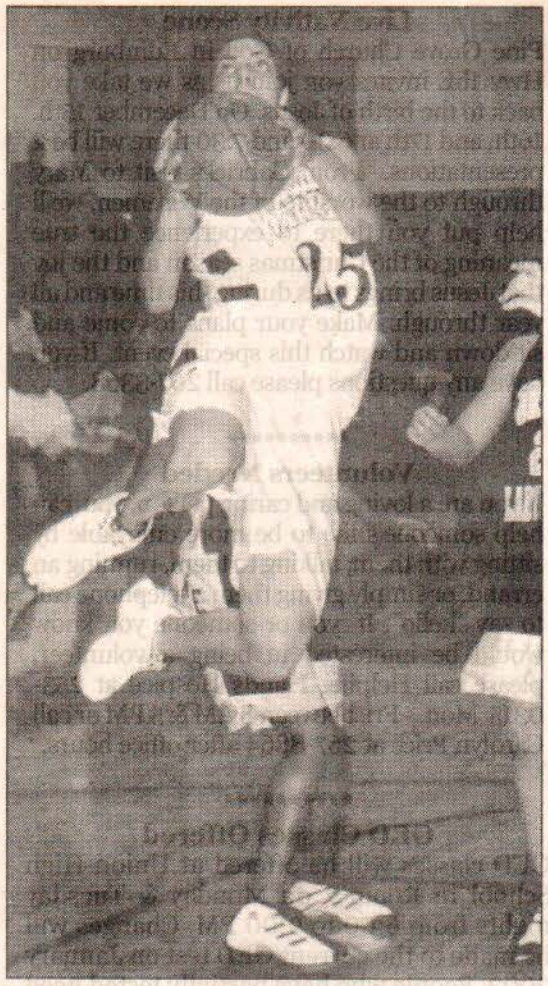
• **EC men 68, Itawamba 67:** The Warriors evened their record at 3-3 with the Nov. 20 victory.

The Warriors got 16 points from Corey Hornsby, 15 from Markeith Brown, and 14 from James Denson in taking the one-point win. Winfred Craig tossed in nine with Maurice English adding six.

EC carried a 40-38 lead into halftime.

Itawamba dropped to 2-2.

EC returns to action by hosting South Division foe Mississippi Gulf Coast on Thursday. Tip-off times are 6 and 7:45 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood gym.



High Flyer

ECCC sophomore Nikki LaCour soars to the goal. The Lady Warriors host Mississippi Gulf Coast Thursday night.

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WEEK OF 3 Dec 01

LaCour Scores 42 Points In ECCC Win Over Gulf Coast

Sophomore Nikki LaCour pumped in a career high 42 points and led the East Central Community College women to an 81-71 South Division victory over visiting Gulf Coast Community College Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

LaCour, who earlier in the week observed her 20th birthday, made 14 field goals and 14 free throws as the Lady Warriors improved to 6-1 overall and 1-0 in league play under first-year head coach Brad Hodge.

In addition to LaCour, a 5'9" guard from Natchitoches, La., other scorers were Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, nine; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, Christina Ford of Enterprise and Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, eight each; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, three; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, two; and Belinda Potter of Monroe, La., one.

Monique Cowans had 19 points for the Lady Bulldogs, who fell to 5-1.

East Central held a 43-33 advantage at halftime.

In the men's game, the Warriors saw their three-game win streak snapped as Gulf Coast claimed a 95-76 decision.

East Central, which fell to 3-4 overall and 0-1 in division action under first-year head coach Billy Smith, was led in scoring by James Denson of Choctaw Central who had 17 points.

Other point makers were Winfred Craig of Louisville, 13; Demario Qualls of Newton, 12; Donzel Crenshaw of Memphis, nine; Maurice English of Union, six; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, Clint Hatch of Carthage and Maweessha Carter of Ft. Payne, Ala., five each; and Jason Richardson of Pine Hill, Ala., four.

Derrick Powe and Marquez Moultrie each had 22 points to lead Gulf Coast, which improved to 6-1.

East Central trailed 56-32 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors have two games remaining on the 2001 schedule – home games against Mississippi Delta Community College on Monday, December 3, and with Northwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, December 6. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. for the women's contest and 7:45 for men's action.

Both teams resume competition following the Christmas holidays by traveling to Itawamba Community College on Thursday, January 10.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Rockets nip Knights in ECCC finals

Photo by Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star
UP IN THE AIR — Union's Anthony Johnson puts up a jumper against Morton.

By Marty Stamper/The Meridian Star
Dec. 2, 2001

Boys. Neshoba Central at West Lauderdale

DECATUR - Neshoba Central first-year boys' basketball coach Kelvin Smith was sporting a huge grin Saturday night after his Rockets defeated West Lauderdale 59-57 for the championship of the East Central Community College Central Mississippi Classic.

The Rockets improved to 7-2 and avenged one of their two losses this season.

"We came in and played great in our three games in this tournament," Smith said. "Tonight, both teams were probably tired, we were so sluggish. I know we were tired.

"It wasn't pretty. It was a struggle, but you've got to relish the win. Either team could have pulled it out. (West) coach (Duran) Clark and I talked the other night during the semifinals and I told him that any of the four teams left could win it. They were all four competitive.

"But I'm happy."

Neshoba led 17-15 after one quarter only to have the Knights carry a 31-29 advantage into halftime on Andre Adams' buzzer-beating shot.

The second half was equally as fierce as the game was tied on 10 occasions with seven lead changes before tournament MVP Tawon Walker hit the game-winner with 15 seconds remaining.

Anthony Jones missed two free throws with six seconds left to give West one final chance which bounced off the front of the rim when freshman Mark Ford got the rebound on one end and drove for a potential game-winning 3-pointer as time ran out.

Neshoba got 25 points from Walker, 16 from Desmond Jones, 12 from Tavares Walker, and six from Calvin Parker.

West, 8-2, got 22 points from Calvin Moore, 17 from Boo Ramsey, seven from Karlos Lewis, and five from Adams.

Forest 63 3rd place

Newton County 47

Forest outscored the Cougars 21-8 in the third quarter to win the third-place game.

Newton County jumped out to a 9-0 lead only to have Forest draw even at 9-9 entering the second quarter. The teams were even at 19-19 at halftime.

Charles Rhodes, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, scored all 28 of his points in the second half to lead the Bearcats as they improved to 8-1. Rhodes hit three baskets from 3-point range.

Forest also got 16 points from Braxton Boone, seven from Jacquas Jones, and six from Pierre Barlow.

Newton County, 4-2, got 16 points from Al Willis, 11 from Tony Smith, and seven from Mylan Anderson.

Morton 72 Losers Bracket

Union 54

In a rematch of a first-round game won by Morton by one point, the Panthers took the losers' bracket championship as well.

Morton led 34-29 at halftime, then outscored the Yellowjackets 38-25 in the second half to improve to 6-1.

Morton got 22 points from Elijah McDonald, 20 from Andrew Lewis, and 16 from Ralph Peterson.

Union, 2-4, was led by Douglas Wansley with 16 points and Derrick Harris with 15, all of which came in the second half. Quincy Larkin and Anthony Johnson both scored eight.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Newton girls beat West for ECCC title

By Marty Stamper/The Meridian Star
Dec. 2, 2001

girls
Newton 60
West Lauderdale 56

DECATUR - It didn't take Newton first-year coach Crandal Porter long to make his mark on the Lady Tigers' basketball program.

The Newton girls defeated West Lauderdale 60-56 to capture the East Central Community College Central Mississippi Classic championship Saturday night.

Newton improved to 5-0 with four of the wins coming during the tournament.

"The girls have been working hard and believe in what I tell them," said Porter, who was named The Meridian Star's Boys' Area Coach of the Year last season. "It's starting to pay off."

After a 16-16 tie through one quarter, tournament MVP Lenore Gray scored two baskets in the final minute of the first half to send Newton into halftime with a 26-22 advantage.

Newton led 42-40 at the end of three quarters after being up by as much as 11 (37-26) with 4:33 left in the third period.

West then suffered a four-minute, 22-second drought to open the fourth quarter as Newton extended its lead to 49-40.

"It was good to have that lead," Porter said of the game's final minutes. "I told our girls in the huddle that they were going to make that run at us. They weren't going to roll over and lie down."

Patty Monroe snapped the dry spell with a 3-pointer with 3:38 to go to pull West to within 49-43.

The Lady Tigers turned to the free-throw line over the final 2:19, making 9-of-14 attempts.

West battled back to 56-54 with 31 seconds showing after a 3-pointer each from Cierra Jennings and Kristina Gardner, along with a conventional three-point play from Gardner.

Tonya Jordan hit one free shot with 25 seconds left for a three-point lead. Kotreece Bender added one freebie eight seconds later and Twila Clayton hit two with 10 seconds left to seal the win.

"This was one of our goals at the beginning of the season ... to be the best team in the area," said Porter, who is in his first year with the Lady Tigers after coaching the Louisville boys a year ago. "To win this tournament says you're the best team in this area."

Jordan led Newton with 21 points. Creoshia Williams hit four 3-pointers in a 15-point night. Gray scored nine points, while Clayton added eight.

West, 8-2, got 19 points from J.J. Huggins, eight apiece from Monroe, Gardner, and JaWanda Huggins, seven from Jennings, and six from Shannon Lloyd.

"They were up four at the half and I always tell the girls that you've got to play hard at the start of the third quarter," West coach Jody Hurst said. "Newton was able to execute. They did a great job on offense all night long and ran it up to nine.

"We did a good job fighting and coming back and cut it to two, but we could never get that basket or that stop that we needed to get the lead.

"We didn't have a great night shooting, but a lot of that goes to Newton's defense. They're big. They're tall. They're quick. And they do a good job."

Newton was 16-of-28 at the free-throw line, while West was 4-of-11.

There was no third-place contest as the teams agreed not to play it. — w 3rd place

Carthage 54

Nanih Waiya 53 — to consolation bracket

Carthage jumped out to a 33-10 halftime lead and then had to hold on to take the losers' bracket championship.

Carthage improved to 4-9 after winning only four games the last two years combined.

The Lady Tigers got 13 points from Lashandria Luckett, 12 from Estrelita Harvey, 11 from Ashley Luckett, and 10 from Amanda Cook.

Nanih Waiya, 4-3, got 14 points from Courtnee Graham, 12 from Alana Hickman, nine each from Christy Hickman and Ashley Pugh, and eight from Heather Steele.

Nanih Waiya was a fill-in for Philadelphia which advanced to the losers' championship but declined to play.

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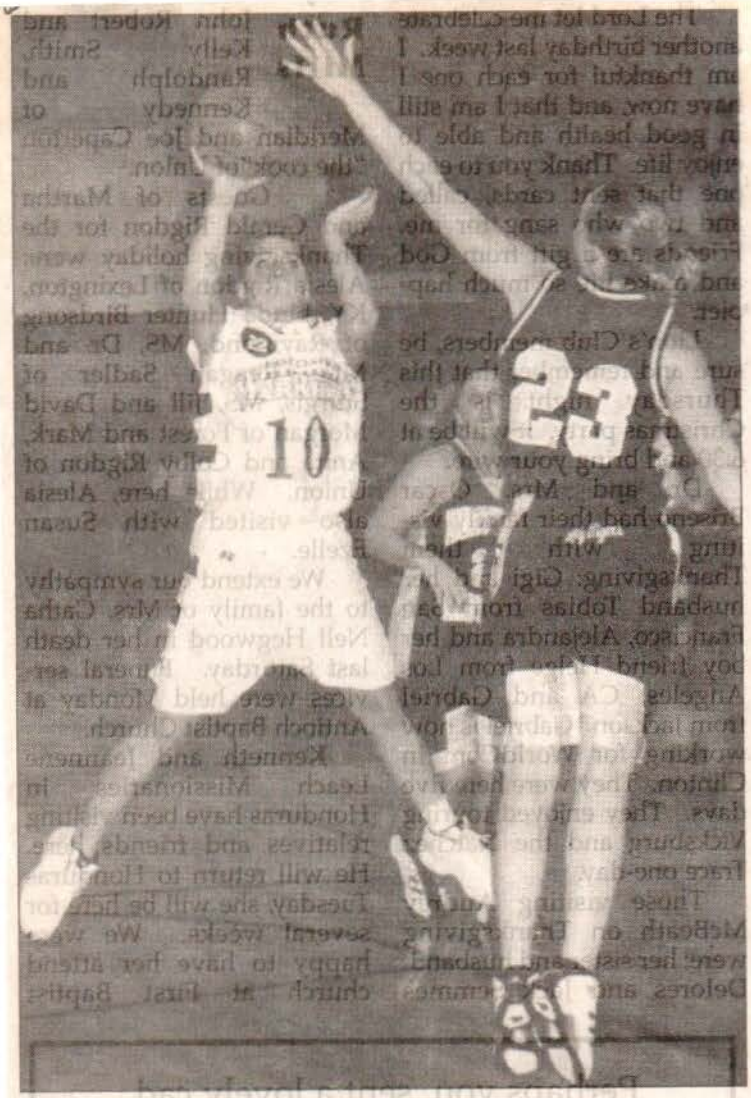

Hanging With the Best of Them
East Central Community College sophomore Becky Killen (10) of Sebastopol pulls up for a one-hander during recent action.

LaCour scores 42 in EC win over Gulf Coast

Sophomore guard Nikki LaCour pumped in a career-high 42 points to lead the East Central Community College women to an 81-71 South Division victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast Thursday in Decatur.

LaCour made 14 field goals and 14-of-17 free throws as the Lady Warriors improved to 6-1.

Lori Cumberland scored nine points, while Ashley Brown, Christina Ford, and Trelisa Eichelberger had eight each.

Monique Cowans had 19 points for Gulf Coast, 5-1.

EC held a 43-33 advantage at halftime.

• **Gulf Coast men 95, EC 76:** The Warriors saw their three-game win streak end as Gulf Coast claimed a 19-point decision.

EC, which fell to 3-4, was led in scoring by James Denson of Choctaw Central who had 17 points.

Winfred Craig added 13, Demario Qualls had 12, Donzel Crenshaw nine, and Maurice English of Union had six.

Derrick Powe and Marquez Moultrie each had 22 points to lead Gulf Coast, 6-1.

EC trailed 56-32 at halftime.

EC hosts Northwest Mississippi on Thursday. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. for the women and 7:45 for the men.

East Central Comm. College Sports Calendar

Sport	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Basketball	Dec. 6	Northwest Mississippi	Home	6:00
Basketball	Jan. 10	Itawamba	Away	6:00
Basketball	Jan. 14	Copiah-Lincoln	Away	6:00

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WEEK OF 3 Dec 01

Lady Warriors, Warriors Post Wins Over Delta

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors improved to 7-1 on the young campaign following Monday night's 71-61 win over Mississippi Delta's women in the Brackeen-Wood gym. The Warriors were also victorious, as they held on for a 77-71 decision and improved to 4-4.

Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches (La.) Central was top scorer for East Central as she pumped in 15 points. Also scoring were Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 12; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, Ashley Brown of Scott Central and Belinda Potter of Monroe, La., 11 each; Trelisha Eichelberger of Noxapater, seven; and Becky Killen of Sebastopol and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, two each.

Nakeba Gibson had 19 for the Lady Trojans who fell to 4-4 and suffered their second loss to East Central during the 2001 season. The Lady Warriors claimed an earlier 63-57 decision in Moorhead.

East Central led 27-20 at halftime.

Corey Hornsby of Baton Rouge scored 23 points to lead the Warriors, who avenged an earlier 83-76 loss to the Trojans in Moorhead. Other point makers were James Denson of Choctaw Central, 19; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, eight; Winfred Craig of Louisville and Donzel Crenshaw of Memphis, six each; Maurice English of Union and Jason Richardson of Pine Hill, Ala., five each; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, three; and Reggie Carter of University Christian, two.

Laron Bradley had 14 points for the Trojans who dropped to 2-7.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors will host Northwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night to conclude 2001 competition. Tip-off times are 6 and 7:45 p.m.

East Central resumes play following the Christmas break by traveling to Itawamba Community College on Thursday, January 10.

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WEEK OF 10 Dec 01

Lady Warriors, Warriors Fall to Northwest Squads

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors saw their six-game win streak snapped Thursday night as the visiting Northwest Mississippi Community College women came away with an 87-76 decision in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

Nikki LaCour of Natchitcoches (La.) Central had 18 points to pace East Central, which fell to 7-2 overall. Also scoring were Sheneka Cistrunk of University Christian, 10; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and Belinda Potter of Neville (La.) High School, nine each; Christian Ford of Carthage, eight; Tamekia Foley of Choctaw Central, five; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, four; and Becky Killen of Sebastopol and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, three each.

Jennifer Hanna scored 23 points to lead the Lady Indians who improved to 4-3 overall.

The contest was tied 34-34 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 92-84 to the Northwest Rangers and saw their record to dip to 4-5 overall.

Scorers for East Central were Corey Hornsby of Istrouma (La.) High School, 22; Winfred Craig of Louisville, 18; James Denson of Choctaw Central, 17; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, 11; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway (TN) High School, five; Demario Qualls of Newton, four; and Maurice English of Union, two.

Northwest, which improved to 6-3, was led by Khamari Ballard's 25 points.

The score was tied 40-40 at the break.

East Central teams return to action following the Christmas break by traveling to Itawamba Community College on Thursday, January 10.

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SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED - East Central Community College nontraditional student Ernie Brown (left) of Little Rock initiated efforts to establish a scholarship in honor of one of his instructors, Stella Dickerson (center) of Union. At right is Larry Hogue, vice president for foundation and alumni development at the College. (E C Photo)

ECCC Student Establishes Scholarship Honoring Instructor

An East Central Community College student has so much admiration for one of his instructors that he established a scholarship in her honor.

The Stella Dickerson Technical Honor Scholarship is for deserving technical sophomore students who demonstrate leadership and academic excellence inteh field of technology. Ernie Brown, an adult student from Little Rock, initiated the scholarship with the assistance of the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, in tribute to Stella Dickinson of Union, a computer technology instructor at the College.

Brown, a 33-year-old computer technology major who also serves as vice president for scholarship for PTK, the international honor society for two-year colleges, cited Dickerson's dedication to her students for the reason he established the scholarship.

"This scholarship is named in Mrs. Dickerson's honor for the countless hours she spends instructing students. She is a shining example of a true educator. She shows exceptional leadership and accepts no less than the very best from each student. She is a member and constant supporter of Phi Theta Kappa and encourages each of her students to strive for academic excellence. With her famous words, 'You can do it; I know you can,' she has been, and will continue to be an inspiration to us all."

According to Larry Hogue, vice president for foundation and alumni development, this scholarship is unique.

"We've had many alumni to establish scholarships for their former teachers but this is the first time a currently enrolled student has started one for an instructor," Hogue said.

The College's Scholarship Committee in conjunction with the Phi Theta Kappa advisors and the Vocational-Technical Division will select recipients.

For more information contact the Vice President for Student Services, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or Phone 635-2111 or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, Ext. 375

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Presents $24,000 Check to ECCC Warrior Club

DECATUR--Athletics at East Central Community College in Decatur received a financial boost thanks to sizeable contribution made by The Edward M. and Henrietta M. Knabusch Charitable Trust. Dan Breeding (second from left), general manager at La-Z-Boy South in Newton, a company founded by the late Mr. Knabusch, is shown presenting a check for $24,000 to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, with proceeds designated for the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics. The contribution will be used to install lights on the Lady Warrior softball field. Also pictured at the presentation are (from left) Terry Underwood, ECCC athletic director; Mark Killens (fourth from left) of Newton, Warrior Club president; and Ricky Harrison, ECCC drafting and design technology instructor and former Warrior Club president. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Feb 3

Lathem Presented Harris Alumni Award

Skip Lathem, superintendent of Forest Municipal Schools, is this year's recipient of the Shelby Harris Alumni Award, which was presented at the 2003 spring induction ceremony of Theta Xi Chapter, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Lathem, a Sebastopol native and graduate of ECCC and Mississippi State University, received the honor from ECCC staff member Martha Sibley, who serves as president of the Theta Xi Alumni Chapter.

In making the presentation, Sibley praised Lathem for his "outstanding and continuing support of academic excellence to the Theta Xi Chapter."

Dr. Harris, who died last year, was a longtime ECCC math instructor and Theta Xi Chapter advisor.

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Participants in the ECCC groundbreaking for the Richard L. "Dick" Livingston Recreational/Study Trail include: Larry Hogue, VP for Foundation and Alumni Relations; Joe Killens, VP of Student Services; Ellis Taylor, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks; Jennifer Livingston; Rori Bridges; Mrs. Marsha Barnes; Rep. David Livingston; Mrs. Richard (Martha Anne) Livingston; Jack Winstead, vice-chairman, ECCC Board of Trustees; Prentice Copeland, chairman, ECCC Board; Mrs. Eva Grace Noblin; Arnette Livingston; Jerry Nance, secretary, ECCC Board; Dr. Phil Sutphin, president.

Groundbreaking held at ECCC for trail

A groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Richard L. "Dick" Livingston Recreational/Study Trail was held on Tuesday on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur.

Program participants included Rep. David Livingston, the son of Richard Livingston, who was elected to fill his late father's unexpired term in the legislature.

The new trail, an extension of the current walking trail, was named in memory of the longtime state legislator who was an ardent supporter of education and especially East Central, his alma mater.

The ECCC board of trustees earlier named the trail in Livingston's honor, following a recommendation

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1958-60 and was named the college's alumnus of the year in 1997. Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said naming the new trail in Livingston's honor is an appropriate gesture.

"Rep. Livingston was a long-time friend of ECCC and h is interest in environmental issues and the college's fitness trail had a tremendous impact on East Central. We are indebted to him for his assistance and advice in developing the project on the north side of the campus. He will be greatly missed," Sutphin said.

Livingston, who served 28 years in the state legislature, was chairman of the House Game and Fish Committee and was an avid promoter of conservation and preservation of natural resources.

Funding for the fitness trail project came from two grants and private donations totaling $150,000. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the National Recreational Trails Funding Program of the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, provided the grants.

The jfirst grant was used to complete the fitness trail--a half-mile trek that is paved, lighted and handicapped accessible. Twenty exercise stations were also added to the trail.

Additional improvements include the planting of more than 70 trees native to Mississippi, and the installation of several handmade bird houses provided by a private donor.

Many of the trees are labeled with their scientific and common names and are part of the college's arboretum, which includes an outdoor classroom overlooking the trail. The outdoor classroom was built with the assistance of students from the Newton County Vocational Center.

A second grant of approximately $80,000 will be used to extend the current trail and will include a recreational/study trail around the college lake. The extended trail, named in Livingston's honor, also will be paved, lighted, and handicapped accessible.

In addition, the new trail will include trees that are labeled with scientific and common names, thus expanding the campus arboretum. Plans also call for the area to include a pavilion to be built with the assistance of the ECCC athletic department. Livingston was a standout athlete at Morton, ECCC and Millsaps College.

from the college's Alumni Association. Livingston was serving as president of the ECCC Alumni Association when cancer claimed his life on March 28 at the age of 60.

Livingston, a Pulaski native, attended ECCC from

The herb rosemary is known as both the herb of the sun and the herb that represents remembrance, fidelity and friendship.

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East Central receives grant for national learning program

East Central Community College in Decatur was recently awarded an $11,000 grant to participate in the American Association of Community Colleges national service learning program, Community Colleges Broadening Horizons through Service Learning.

Only 10 community/junior colleges in the nation were selected by an AACC review panel to receive the funds, which will be used to integrate service learning into the college curriculum. The designated colleges will focus their service learning activities in a variety of areas, specific to the needs of their communities.

Service learning combines classroom instruction with community service, emphasizing critical, reflective thinking as well as personal and civic responsibility.

Lynn Barnett, Horizons project coordinator and AACC's director of academic, student and community development, said East Central and the other nine Horizons colleges will develop multidisciplinary models of service learning programs.

She further said, "Community colleges continue to lead the field of service learning by creating academically rigorous programs that meet community-identified needs. Service learning not only helps to improve classroom performance, it also helps students polish 'soft skills' demanded in the workplace."

East Central Community College's service learning program will focus on literacy, GED preparation and tutoring children whose parents do not have the skills to help with schoolwork, according to grants facilitator Mary Hanson who serves as director of the College's Learning Skills Center. In addition, Hanson

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said East Central plans to organize service learning workshops for faculty and community agency partners.

AACC's Horizons project is funded through the Learn and Serve America program of the Corporation for National Service.

The overall goals of the project are to build on established foundations to integrate service learning into the institutional climate of community colleges and to increase the number, quality and sustainability of curriculum-based service learning programs through model grant projects, training and technical assistance.

WEEK OF 3/5/01

Beemons Establish ECC Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Beemon of Raymond, shown above with East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, recently endowed a scholarship at the College designated for students residing in the Little Rock, Mississippi area. Mr. Beemon is a 1935 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and is a member of the ECCC Class of 1937. He is also a graduate of Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi). After teaching on the high school level and following military service, Mr. Beemon joined the faculty at Hinds Community College where he served 38 years, retiring in 1983 as biology instructor and department chairman. Mrs. Beemon is a former resident of Louisville and is a graduate of Weir High School and Mississippi Woman's College, now William Carey College in Hattiesburg. She is also a retired faculty member at Hinds, where she taught mathematics. For more information regarding the T. T. Beemon Scholarship, contact Joe Killens, interim Vice President for Student Services, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 3/12/01

Rhodes Addresses ECCC Audience

DECATUR--Inspirational speaker Terry Rhodes of Van Vleet, Mississippi, makes a point as he discussed "The ABC's of Success" during a recent presentation at East Central Community College in Decatur. Rhodes, a former standout athlete at Houston (Miss.) High School and the University of Southern Mississippi who later became a successful coach, stressed the importance of "Attitude, Belief and Commitment" to the Huff Auditorium audience. Rhodes, an acclaimed motivational speaker and lay speaker, has delivered his message in over 300 cities, 28 states and two countries. He is employed as a sales account executive with the Stuart C. Irby Company in Tupelo. (EC Photo)

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Lake Native Visits ECCC President

DECATUR--Dr. Raymond Mabry (left), Superintendent of Schools in Houston, Miss., recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and is shown with Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Dr. Mabry, a Lake native, is a 1960 ECCC graduate. He is also a retired colonel in the Army Reserve. (EC Photo)

WEEK OF April 30, 2001

A 'CLASSIC' PERFORMANCE - Guitarist Chas Evans of Chunky was a featured performer during a concert recently held in Vickers Fine Arts Center on the ECCC campus. Evans a 1999 EC graduate, performed numerous classical selections during the special program. While a student at East Central, Evans participate din musical productions and was a member of various groups including the Collegians and jazz band. He was a student of Thomas W. Carson, director of bands and music instructor. Evans is currently a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi where he has been awarded numerous honors. The accomplished musician will receive a bachelor's degree of music performance from USM this summer. He also plans to pursue a master's degree from USM, during which time he will serve as a graduate assistant to Professor Giovanni Dechiaro, his present guitar instructor. Evans and his wife, Laura, have an infant daughter, Katie. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 7, 2001

EC to host WWII exhibit

East Central Community College will be the starting place for a seven-stop statewide exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution. Carol Harsh (second from left), Smithsonian project director, recently visited the campus to tour the site for the exhibit. "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945" will open at East Central on Sept. 28 and will remain on campus until Nov. 3. The exhibit will be open to the public and available for school tours. The display is a collection of posters that were used to display messages in the United States during World War II.

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WEEK OF May 7, 2001

Alumni/Homecoming/Scholarships

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ECCC Seeks Nominations For Annual Homecoming Honors

Nominations for various honors to be presented during the 2001 Homecoming observance are being received at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Larry Hogue, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

Hogue said nominees for Alumnus of the Year, Alumna of the Year, Athletic Hall of Fame, Academic Instructor of the Year and Vocational-Technical Instructor, must be submitted from alumni by the June 15, 2001 deadline to be considered for this year's Homecoming, scheduled for Saturday, October 20.

Honorees at the 2000 Homecoming observance included S. Lebrun "Sibb" Hutchison of Littleton, Colorado, Alumnus of the Year; Jeanette Beevers Thrash of Decatur, alumna of the Year; Dr. Linda Lane of Jackson, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Sandra Towne Thomas of Chunky, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. New members inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame included Billy Ray Dill of Escatawpa; Sue Gunter, woman's basketball coach at Louisiana State university; and Jimmy Rea of Madison. In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to James Land of Union.

For more information and to receive nomination forms contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111, ext. 323.

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A new restroom and concession stand will soon be constructed on East Central Community College's north campus thanks to a contribution by Roy Pete (third from left) of Hickory. The new facilities will be located between the soccer and softball fields. Pete, who also served the past two years as a volunteer soccer coach, is shown presenting a check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Also pictured are Larry Hogue (left), vice president for development and alumni relations, and Kenneth Thompson, Warrior soccer coach. (EC Photo)

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ECCC working with funding shortfall

By Steve Swogetinsky

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The administration of East Central Community College may be working with less money then it expected to have this time last year, but its president promises quality will not diminish.

The college's board of directors approved a $12.7 million budget for fiscal year 2002, about $1.3 million less than the current budget. The new budget year begins July 1.

"We are keeping eight positions open," said Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president. "We've also cut back about 15 to 20 percent of the non-salary items that we had last year.

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WEEK OF May 14, 2001

Underwood Selected ECCC Athletic Director

DECATUR--East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has been selected the College's new athletic director, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Underwood, who will continue to serve as head football coach, was named to the post by College's Board of Trustees at its May meeting. Underwood succeeds the retiring Coach Sammy Pace who has held the position since 1992. Pace served as Lady Warrior head basketball coach for 16 years.

Underwood has led the Warrior football program for three years, compiling an overall mark of 17 wins and 14 losses. He joined the ECCC staff in 1995 as an assistant to then head coach Willie Coats. Underwood is also a former assistant at Pearl River Community College and Jones County Junior College.

He is a graduate of Seminary High School, JCJC and Delta State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees.

Underwood is married to the former Carrie Shawn Massengale of Collins. They have three children: Levi, Cali and Trest.

Underwood begins his new duties on July 1.

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WEEK OF 6/4/01

ECCC retirees

These retiring East Central Community College personnel received special recognition at the College's annual end-of-the-year administration/faculty/staff appreciation dinner held on the Decatur campus. Retirees include (from left) Larry Hogue, vice president for development and alumni relations; Ann Burkes, head librarian and Phi Theta Kappa co-advisor; Sammy Pace, athletic director/women's head basketball coach and sociology instructor; Alice Pouncey, psychology instructor who also served as longtime advisor for the Fashion Squad; and Dr. Thomas Key, biology instructor.

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Killens Selected ECCC

Vice President for Student Services

DECATUR--Joe Killens has been selected Vice President for Student Services at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Killens was named to the post at the April meeting of the College's Board of Trustees.

Killens had held the position on an interim basis since August 2000, following the resignation of Randall E. Lee who was named District Dean of Academics at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. Killens had served as Director of Student Life/ Student Recruiter since joining the ECCC staff in 1997.

In making his recommendation before the Board of Trustees at its April meeting, Dr. Sutphin said Killens "has done an admirable job as Interim Vice President and will make a significant contribution to the College as the permanent Vice President."

Dr. Sutphin added, "Because of the performance of Mr. Killens and the current and future budget shortfall, this course of action will allow us to continue the hiring freeze for the Activity Center position thereby saving the cost of that position."

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Killens was employed by Itawamba County Schools, where he first served as economics instructor and coach before being named Alternative School Director. He is also a former social studies instructor and coach at Clarkdale Attendance Center.

Killens, a Union native, has a master's degree from the University of Mississippi and a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He attended ECCC prior to transferring to USM. He is married to the former Teri Flint of Philadelphia and has two children, Kyle and Allie.

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-Flashback

East Central Junior College Phi Theta Kappa officers – 1988

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East Central Junior College football cheerleaders – June, 1988

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WEEK OF Oct 1, 2001

Robert "Spanky" Carleton III of Newton recently made a $1000 unrestricted contribution to East Central Community College in Decatur. Carleton (left) is shown presenting the check to ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin during a pre-football season pep rally sponsored by the area businessman. Carleton is owner of Carleton Oil Company, Inc. and Spanky's Food Marts. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 7/16/01

These former student-athletes at East Central Community College in Decatur were named National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-Americans for the 2000-2001 college term. Recipients of the prestigious honor must have participated in at least one major sport recognized by the NJCAA and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those named Distinguished Academic All-Americans have a 3.8 GPA or above. Award recipients must also complete at least 45 semester hours of coursework. Honorees and their respective sports areas include (from left) fast-pitch softball team member Ashley Jones (Distinguished) of Forest, tennis player Brandy Burnett (Distinguished) of Louisville, basketball team member Chris Webb (Distinguished) of Neshoba Central High School and tennis player Kristi Moore of Noxapater. Not pictured is tennis player Kasey Comans (Distinguished) of Newton County Academy. The outstanding students will be featured in JUCO Review, the official publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Aug 03 2001

Cantey Selected ECCC Skills Lab Instructor

Sherri W. Cantey

Sherri W. Cantey of Meridian was recently selected Associate Degree Nursing Skills Lab instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College President.

Cantey, who began her new duties on August 1, 2001, previously served as a staff nurse at Rankin Medical Center in Brandon. She is also a former staff nurse at Rush Foundation Hospital, where she served as program director for the transitional care unit and was RN case manager for the same unit. In addition, she has served on the nursing staffs at Laird Home Health, Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center and Rush Pain Treatment Center, all in Meridian.

A gradate of Louisville High School, Cantey received an associate of arts degree in nursing from Meridian Community College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Michael Cantey and they have two daughters, Lauren, six, and Jamie, four.

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WEEK OF 8/6/01

ECCC Accreditation Reaffirmed by SACS

DECATUR--The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has reaffirmed accreditation at East Central Community College in Decatur for another 10 years, announced James T. Rogers, executive director.

Rogers, in a letter to ECCC President Dr. Phi A. Sutphin, also noted "that no follow-up report was requested." The announcement was made following the Commission's June 2001 meeting in Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Sutphin said the accreditation process involved the efforts of a lot of people.

"For the last several years, the College has been engaged in self-study and preparing for the on-site visit of the SACS team," Dr. Sutphin explained. "Many long hours were spent in implementing the College's institutional effectiveness plan, developing the self-study document, and hosting the site-visit team. I want to thank the administration, faculty and staff for this significant achievement. Their hard work and their dedication to students were recognized by the visiting committee and permeated the self-study document."

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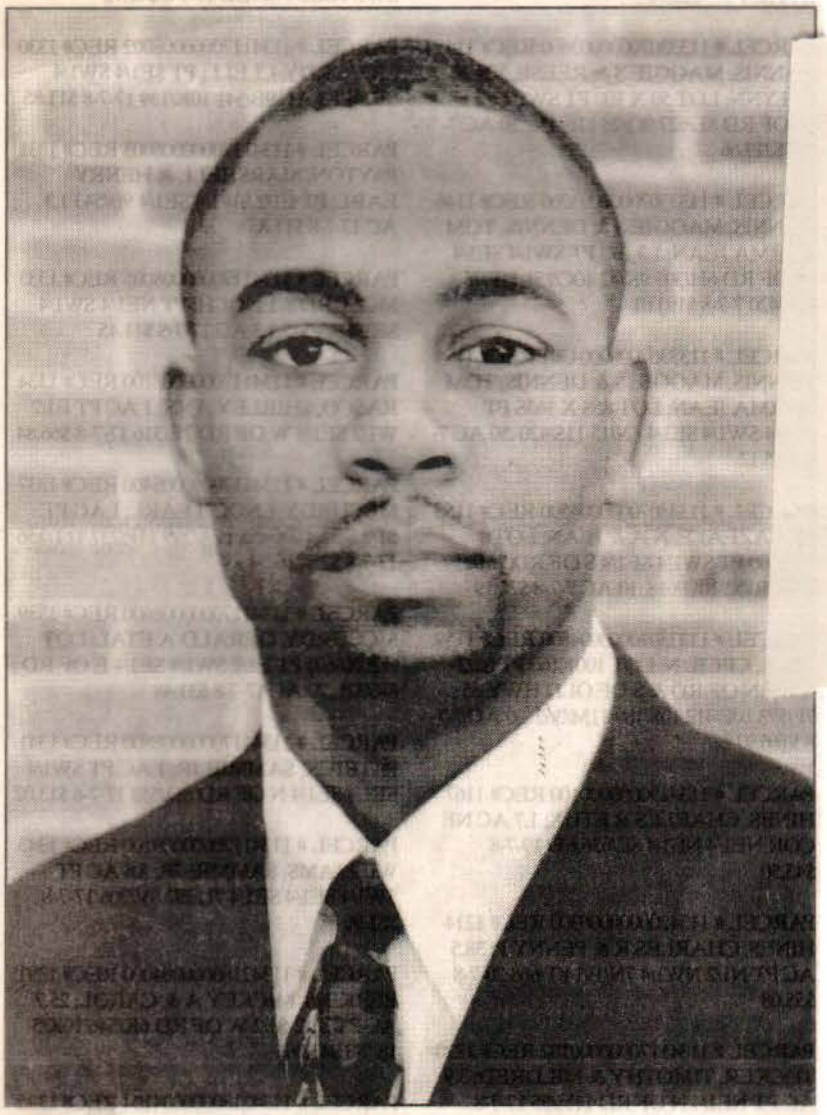

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WEEK OF Sept 3 2001

Billy Smith Selected ECCC Men's Head Basketball Coach

DECATUR--A successful coach on the high school level has been tapped to lead the men's basketball program at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Billy Smith, who has guided the Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets since 1986, was introduced today as the new Warrior head basketball coach at a news conference held at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Smith, 40, succeeds Jay Bowen who resigned in August to take an assistant coaching position at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee.

In making the announcement, ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the College was very fortunate to hire someone who has had success on the high school level and is also a district coach.

"His next challenge is to move the men's basketball program to the next level, and I feel confident he will be able to do that," Sutphin said.

Smith, whose Lady Rockets amassed a 388-151 record during his 16-year tenure, said, "I appreciate the opportunity given to me and look forward to getting to work as soon as possible. I am also looking forward to a new challenge and working hard to make the men's basketball program here at East Central the best it can be."

An obvious highlight of his successful career at Neshoba Central was winning the State Class 4-A Championship in 1990-91. The Lady Rockets were also division champions that year and finished season action with a 36-4 record.

Last season the Neshoba Central girls won the district title and advanced to the State 4-A semifinals en route to a 28-11 mark.

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In all, Smith's teams have won six district titles and finished district runners-up on five occasions.

Prior to joining the Neshoba Central staff, Smith served as junior varsity men's basketball coach and varsity basketball assistant at McKinney (Texas) High School during 1984-85. He is also a former graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi (1983-84) and varsity men's basketball assistant and head freshman basketball and football coach at Philadelphia high and elementary schools (1982-83).

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Smith attended East Central Community College and received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Delta State University. He holds a master's degree in physical education from the University of Southern Mississippi and has a master's degree in administration from Jackson State University.

He is married to the former Susan Lankston of Edinburg and they have three children, Andy, a senior at Neshoba Central; Chandler, a second-grader; and Mackie, who's in kindergarten.

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WEEK OF Sept 3 2001

ECK Named Assistant ECCC Basketball Coach

Shane Eck

Shane Eck was recently named men's assistant basketball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Terry Underwood, athletic director.

Eck's main areas of responsibility include on-the-floor coaching during practice and in games; recruiting; scouting; and player supervision in regards to academics and dorms. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Eck will work in the Student Services area.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Coach Eck served in various capacities at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He most recently held the title of student assistant for the men's basketball team, which last year won its first Pennsylvania States Athletic Conference and advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

As student assistant, Eck was involved in all facets of practices and games; served as coordinator for all special projects; assisted with opponent scouting; and provided assistance in the recruiting area. He also served as in-house office manager, made arrangements for all t rave/ meal plans; served as promotions coordinator for tournaments; and was responsible for producing and distributing the team's newsletter.

His previous duties also include serving as manager for Clarion's men's basketball team, serving in various areas including public relations coordinator for the college campus and surrounding community. In addition, he served as assistant and was responsible for providing video of all games and practices.

Coach Eck has also been involved in basketball camps, serving as a coach and camp organizer. He most recently provided assistance as coach/head counselor for a basketball camp sponsored by the Philadelphia 76'ers of the National Basketball Association and held in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Eck is a 2001 graduate of Clarion University, where he received a bachelor's degree in speech communication and theatre.

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Bush Selected ECCC Assistant Basketball Coach

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Toby Bush

Toby Bush was recently selected women's assistant basketball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Brad Hodge, interim head coach.

Coach Bush's main responsibilities include on-the-floor coaching, recruiting; and player development. In addition to his coaching duties, Bush will provide assistance inthe Student Services area.

Prior to joining he ECCC staff, Coach Bush served the past six years as head student manager at the University of Memphis. He was also equipment manager and was responsible for monitoring pre-and post-season conditioning, assisting with on-court coaching of posts and guards, and preparing game plans:

In addition, he was responsible for monitoring academic study halls, assisting with recruiting visits on campus, and participating in community and youth outreach programs. He also assisted with camp and clinic preparations and with team travel arrangements.

His coaching experience includes stints in the AAU league in addition to serving as an assistant coach for basketball camps held at the University of Memphis and at the University of Mississippi.

Coach Bush is an honor graduate of Barlett (Tenn.) High School, where he was also a basketball standout. He was named to the All-Region and All-District teams and received several team honors, including most valuable player, best defensive player and best offensive player.

He continued his athletic career at Northwest Mississippi Community college, where he was a member of the Honors Program and received an associate of science degree in 1995.

He graduated cum laude at the University of Memphis in 1999, receiving a bachelor's degree in physical education. He completed a master's degree in sports marketing from the Unviersity of Memphis during the summer of 2001.

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Shirley ECCC Surgical Technology Instructor

LeAnn Shirley

LeAnn Shirley of Meridian was recently named surgical technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, college president.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Shirley was employed as a surgical technician and operating room materials coordinator at Riley Hospital in Meridian. She previously held the same position at Meridian Medical Associates. In addition, she is a former obstetrics technician at Rush Hospital in Meridian.

A graduate of Clarkdale Attendance Center, she received the associate of applied science degree in surgical technology from ECCC in 1995, and during the same period was selected "Surgical Technology Student of the Year." She was also an active member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and represented East Central at the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Her community activities include her work with the American Cancer Society. For the past four years she has captained a Relay for Life team in Meridian and helped raise over $400,000.

She attends Evangel Temple in Meridian. She is married to Greg Shirley, who is employed with Ricky Joe Shirley Construction in Meridian.

Luke Selected ECCC Practical Nurse Instructor

Lori Luke

Lori Luke of Newton was recently named Practical Nursing instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, college president.

Luke, who began her new duties on August 1, 2001, has over 17 years experience as a registered nurse. She most recently served as a staff nurse at Lackey Hospital in Forest. She is also a former school nurse for Newton Public Schools.

She is a former sponsor of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and has been associated with various extracurricular activities including the Mississippi Diabetes Association, the Chip Program and the Mississippi School Nurse Association.

A Newton High School graduate, Luke received an associate in science degree from ECCC and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Keith Luke and they have two daughters, Morgan, seven, and Maggie, four.

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Jones Selected ECCC Learning Skills Assistant

Tammy Jones

Tammy Jones of Newton was recently named Learning Skills Center director.

The new ECCC staff member is responsible for providing students with tutorial assistance. She will also participate in the Mississippi Reads Project. Her full-time position is funded by VISTA through Americorps.

In working with the Learning Skills Center and Mississippi Reads Program, Jones said her goal is "to recruit and train volunteers to be willing to assist students with their academic studies."

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Jones served as administrative assistant/office manager at White Stone Baptist Church (fill in). She is a former Sunday School teacher and has provided assistance for the church's tutorial program.

Jones is a graduate of Sebastopol High School and East Central Community College.

She and her husband, Danny, have two children, Tamika and Jeremi.

Teresa R. Thomas

Thomas ECCC Nursing Instructor

Teresa R. Thomas of Meridian was recently named Associate Degree Nursing instructor at EastCentral Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, college president.

Thomas, who began her new duties on August 1, 2001, has over 21 years of experience as a registered nurse in a wide range of clinical settings. She continues to work on a part-time basis at Jeff Anderson Medical Center at Meridian. She is also former adjunct instructor at ECCC.

She holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor's degree in nursing from University Medical Center. In addition, she is a graduate of Meridian Community college, where she received an associate degree in nursing and earlier completed the licensed practical nursing program. The Decatur High School graduate also attended Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

Thomas is a member of numerous professional organizations.

She has two sons, Randall B. Boykin, a helicopter pilot and a graduate of Fort Rucker, Ala. Army Aviation School, and Ryan K. Boykin,

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Stokes named Technology Applications Instructor

Chris Stokes

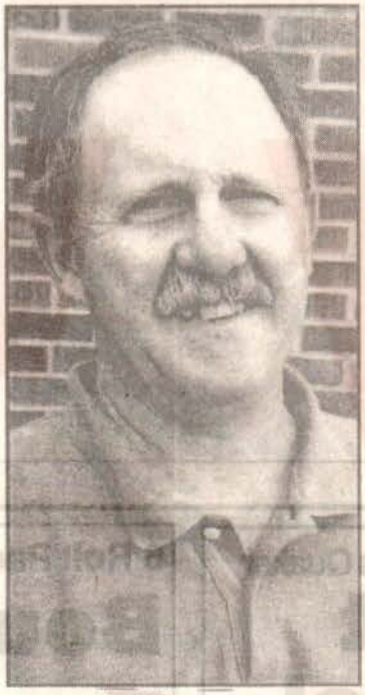
Chris Stokes of Philadelphia was recently named Technology Applications instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, college president.

Stokes, who began his new duties on August 1, has eight years of teaching experience. He was previously employed at the Vo-Tech Center as instructor of Diversified Technology, which was the predecessor tot he Technology Applications course. He is also a former biology and general science instructor for Neshoba County and Choctaw Central schools. In addition, he has four years experience as owner/operator of a computer service.

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Stokes received a bachelor's degree in biology from Livingston University.He also attended ECCC and Meridian Community College and has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Pamela Kirkland, a registered nurse and emergency room supervisor at Neshoba General Hospital. They have two children, Will, eight, and Abby, two.

Johnson Selected ECCC Biology Instructor



Joe Johnson

Joe Johnson of Suqualena was recently named biology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Johnson taught biology at Meridian High School.He is also a former instructor at Northwest Junior High School, Jeff Davis Academy and Lamar High School. In all, he has 17 years of teaching experience in secondary public schools.

Johnson has also taught on the community/junior college level, having served 11 years as an adjunct instructor at ECCC.

IN addition to his teaching experience, Johnson has worked as a biologist and microbiologist, and has served on numerous state and local education committees.

He owns a blueberry farm.

A navy veteran, Johnson holds a master's degree in science education from Mississippi State University and a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is also a graduate of Meridian Junior College and West Lauderdale High School. He has completed additional coursework at USM.

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East Central Community College recently held its annual pre-session workshop for adjunct instructors who teach classes on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district. Instructors from Newton County who attended the workshop included (seated from left) Kay Chambers (EMT), Lois Cooper (document and formatting) and Patsy Barnett (accounting), all of Decatur; Tammara Kennedy (accounting), Union; Tonya Nowell (psychology), Decatur; Tracy Dearing (business technology), Newton; and Stacy Addy (business technology), Decatur; and (standing from left) Shane Williams (criminal justice) and Tim Lee (Life of Christ), both of Decatur; Randy Cuchens (music), Newton; Lynn Wagner (social usage) Newton; Leigh Bullock (kickboxing), Decatur; Sue Kelly (intermediate algebra), Lawrence; Marjory Thrash (English), Union; Kathy Pearce (mathematics), Decatur; Ashley Lewis (business law), Rose Hill; Jason Mangrum (business law), Newton; Robert Smith (history), Union; and Danny Cherry (EMT assistant), Decatur. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P. 0. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-

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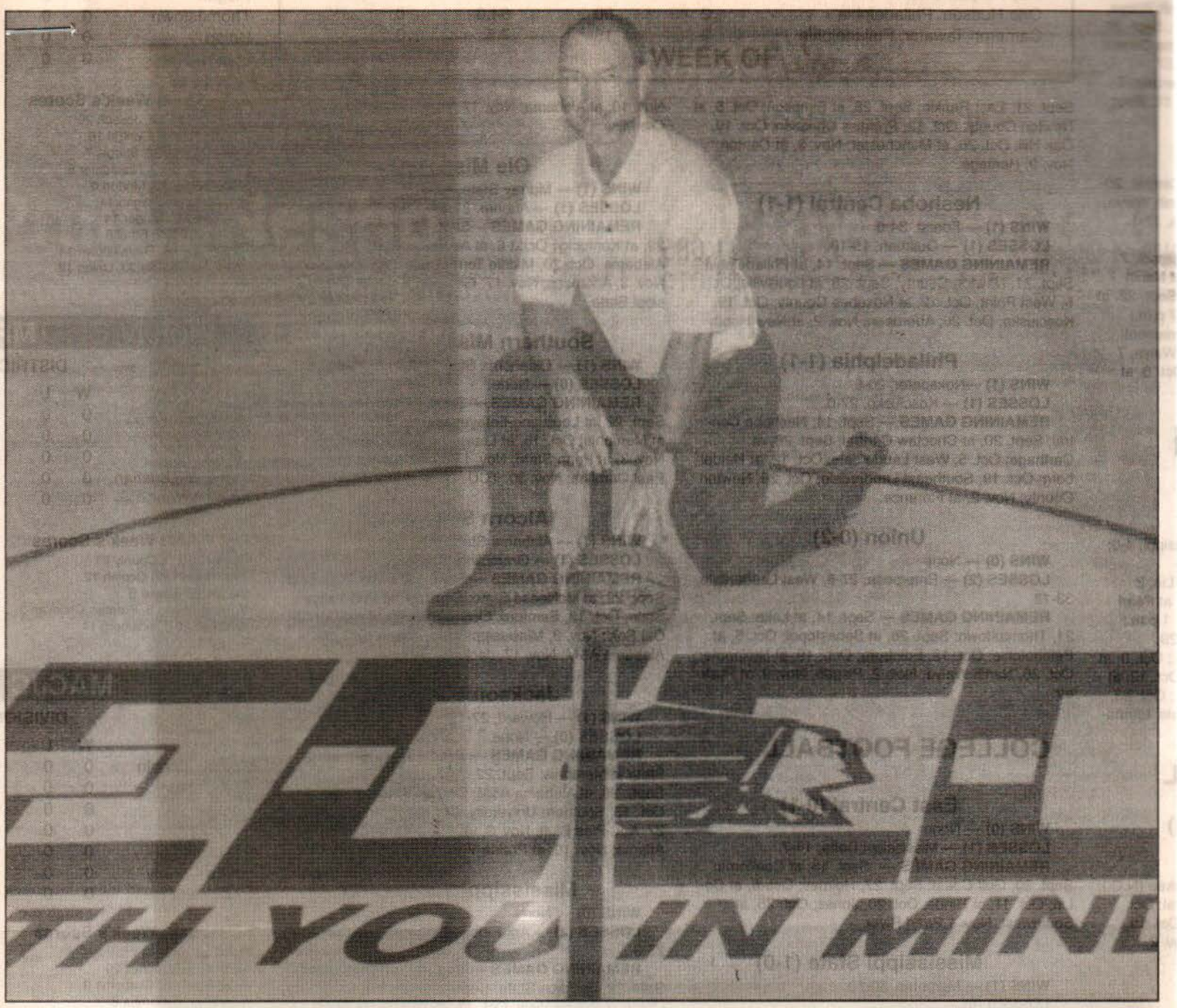

Photo by Travis Mitchell

New East Central Community College Men's Basketball Coach Billy Smith had a busy first week on the Decatur campus.

Smiths achieve coaching dreams

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

Within a matter of days, two dreams came true for the basketball-coaching Smith family.

Last Tuesday, longtime Neshoba Central High School girls coach Billy Smith was named the head men's basketball coach at East Central Community College and at the same time his wife — Susan Fox-Smith — was chosen to be the new girls coach at NCHS.

"I am just real excited," Fox-Smith said. "I didn't know if I would ever get a chance.

"I enjoyed us working together (she was her husband's assistant at NCHS), but I always wanted to be a head coach, and now I have a chance," she said. "Us being husband and wife, you just didn't ever know if you would get a chance."

Smith said he was ready to make the move to the next level and was not concerned at all about moving from being a high school girls coach to a junior college men's coach.

"Basketball is basketball," he said. "I feel like we are going into a good situation and I'm excited about it."

But the 40-year-old veteran coach admitted his

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head was spinning a little.

"Everything has kind of happened so fast, it really hasn't dawned on me yet," Smith said. "I just spent the first week here getting to know everybody and learning what my duties are and tying up lose ends at Neshoba Central," he said. "Everything has kind of been a whirlwind."

He said he was pleased that his wife was selected to take over the Lady Rockets program that he led to a 388-151 record in 16 years. Neshoba Central won the MHSAA Class 4A State championship in 1990-91.

"That made it a lot easier," he said. "With her already being in the system it is a big plus."

Fox-Smith agrees.

"It makes it an easy transition," she said.

"Things are pretty much not going to change," Fox-Smith said. "I am a little more of a defensive-minded person, so I may pay a little more attention to that, but basically nothing is really going to change."

Fox-Smith, who graduated from Mississippi State with two degrees and then earned her masters at Mississippi College, will also continue to be the tennis coach.

She was an assistant basketball coach to Ed Nixon at MC, while also serving as head tennis coach.

Smith said he realized the timing was the best, but felt it was an opportunity he needed to take advantage of.

"It was just a situation where we felt like we couldn't turn it down," he said. "We had a good job at Neshoba Central and there weren't too many places that we would be interested in, but it was close enough to home where we could still be around both of our families."

Smith said he would have some fond memories of the Lady Rockets.

"I will be there every chance I get, you can count on that," Smith said.

During his tenure at NCHS the Lady Rockets were a regular contender for the MHSAA Class 4A State Tournament each year in Jackson.

While Smith said he realized what he does every night of the basketball season is about to change, he still says he won't be a whole lot busier.

"We were somewhere every night other than Wednesday's anyway," he said. "I will have to spend a lot of time recruiting and scouting, but it shouldn't be a real big change."

Fox-Smith said she got plenty of experience coaching with her husband and was ready to make the move to the hot seat.

"I guess I will kind of feel like I'm all alone," she said. "But he was always willing to listen to me and take advice, so I'm used to coaching during the games."

She said she has talked to some of the returning players and said they were happy that their new coach would be someone they knew.

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EC instructor

Dr. Luke Savoie of Lena is serving as an adjunct instructor this fall for East Central Community College. Dr. Savoie, who teaches psychology, was among participants at the College's annual pre-session workshop for adjunct instructors who teach on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district.

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Deadline nearing to submit items for World War II exhibit at ECCC

A September 21 deadline has been set to receive items for the Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45 exhibit soon to be on display at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The exhibit is provided through the Smithsonian Institutions Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES) and is sponsored in part by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Tommy Thrash, chairman of the College's Division of Social Sciences, Education and Business and site coordinator for the exhibit, encourages community participation for the much-anticipated event.

"The traveling exhibit begins its seven-city tour in Decatur, and we would like to have as many items as possible from our local veterans and others to be a part of the Smithsonian display. We would also like to invite veterans and others to be a part of the Smithsonian display. We would also like to invite veterans to come to campus and share their wartime experiences with our students," Thrash said.

Thrash said the main focus of the traveling exhibit, which consists of classic posters that were typical for the period, is "to help us know how people had to help each other during the War."

In addition, Thrash said posters in the exhibit will address subjects such as the production of war materials to defeat the enemy, shortages of various items in the marketplace, the collection of scrap metal, and the selling of war bonds.

An invitation-only reception to officially showcase Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 28 in the ADN/Childcare Building on the ECCC campus.

The display will be open to the public from noon until 7 p.m., beginning Monday, October 1 and continuing through Saturday, November 3. School tours are reserved for 9 a.m. to noon each weekday.

For more information contact Midge Davis, Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 278.

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EC adjunct instructors

East Central Community College recently held its annual pre-session workshop for adjunct instructors who teach on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district. Among instructors attending the workshop included (from left) Aimee Chandler (business technology) of Louisville, and Lisa Burnside (mathematics) and Charlotte Reeves (psychology), both of Carthage.

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Leake officials visit EC

Leake County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were luncheon guests of the College's Board of Trustees. The special visitors are shown with trustees from Leake County following the meeting. Pictured are (front row, from left) Oliver Smith, District 3 Supervisor; Davis Gill, District 5 Supervisor; Joe Andy Helton, District 2 Supervisor; and Dot Merchant, Chancery Clerk; (second row, from left) H.V. Neal, Jr., District 4 Supervisor; Jeff Webb, County Attorney; William Carlton Brock, District 1 Supervisor; (third row, from left) trustees W. Edwards Kitchings, Melanie Hartley, interim Leake County Superintendent, and Janie Wilbanks, all of Carthage; Sheila Johnson, Tax Assessor. Collector; and (back row, from left) trustees Silas O'Neal of Carthage, W.B. Jones of Walnut Grove and Jerry K. Moore of Carthage, and Freddie Terrell, County Administrator.

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ECCC posts record 2435 enrollment

Enrollment at East Central Community College in Decatur has reached a record 2,435 students, announced Donna Luke, director of admissions, records and research.

Luke said the new enrollment total represents an increase of 65 students, or three percent, compared to the previous record mark of 2,370 students who attended classes during the fall 2000 term.

Attending fall 2001 classes are 1,231 academic students, 531 technical students and 83 students who are enrolled in vocational programs. of the 2,435 students enrolled, 1,845 are full-time students and 590 students attend classes on a part-time basis.

Regarding the record enrollment, ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said, "We are very pleased with our continued growth in enrollment. The College's growth is a positive indicator of the quality of instruction that students receive at East Central. Many people work hard to ensure that the citizens of our five-county district have knowled of and access to a quality ed cation."

East Central serves Leal Neshoba, Newton, Scott a Winston counties.

For more information co tact the Office of Admissi Records and Research, Ea Central Community Colle P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Mi 39327, Phone 635-2111 or c toll free, 1-877-462-3222, e 206.

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ECCC ABE/GED Instructors

A pre-session workshop for Adult Basic Education/General Education Development faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur campus. Instructors from Scott County include (seated, from left) Carol Greer, Teresa Lovett and Zann Nutt, all of Morton; and (standing, from left) Flo Chambers of Hillsboro, Mary Townsend and Ann Clements, both of Forest; and Tony Lee of Pearl (formerly of Forest). ABE/GED courses are offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279, or call toll free 1-877-462-3222. (EC Photo)

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ECCC ABE/GED INSTRUCTORS - A pre-session workshop for Adult Basic Education/General Education Development faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur cNewton County include (seated from left) Nancy Alexander and Jackie Richardson, both of Union; and Lorene Graham of Conehatta; and (standing, from left) Ed McGowan of Lawrence, Becky Branning and Sue Addy, both of Union; and barbara Weir of Newton. ABE/GED courses are offered on ;the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district.

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East Central Community College recently held its annual pre-session workshop for adjunct instructors who teach on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district. Instructors from Scott County who attended the workshop included (from left) Wendy Smith Dill (music), Morton; Ed Eichelberger (forestry), Forest; and Bonnie Peagler (English), Sand Hill. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 278 or 279.

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EC prepares WWII exhibit

Displaying just a few of the posters and other memorabilia included in the World War II exhibit, Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45 to soon be on display at East Central Community College in Decatur are (from left) Gloria Johnson, head librarian and planning committee member; Ovid Vickers, retired faculty member who submitted various items for the exhibit; Tommy Thrash, Chairman of the ECCC Division of Social Science, Education and Business who serves as event coordinator; and Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, who also provided various items and serves as committee member. The exhibit, which will be housed in the multi-purpose room of the College's Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building from Sept. 28 to Nov. 3 is provided through the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services.

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Ross Price' rendition of *God Bless America* was an inspirational part of East Central's pre-game ceremony last Thursday night and the college will again offer an opportunity for area youngsters to show their spirit during pre-game activities of the Warriors' contest with Holmes Community College Thursday night on the Decatur campus.

The special guests, participants in East Central's Kids' College cheerleading camps held this summer in Decatur, Louisville and Philadelphia, will perform a routine at 6:10 p.m., 20 minutes prior to kickoff of the nondivision battle. Also featured during pre-game activities are young athletes who attended the Kids' College football camp held in Decatur.

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EC visitors

Leake County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were luncheon guests at the August meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. The special visitors are shown with ECCC trustees from Leake County. Seated, from left, are supervisors Joe Andy Helton, Dist. 2, H.V. Neal, Jr., Dist. 4, William Brock, Dist. 1, and Davis Gill, Dist. 5; and Dot Merchant, chancery clerk. Standing, from left, are trustees Jerry K. Moore and Melanie Hartley (Leake County Superintendent of Education), both of Carthage; W.B. Jones, Walnut Grove; and Silas O'Neal and W. Edward Kitchings, both of Carthage. Janie Wilbanks of Carthage also represents Leake County on the College's Board of Trustees.

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Polly Mayes said she was, "surprised, but delighted" to learn of her recent honor, adding that she

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feels every teacher at East Central works hard to be their very best and to project a positive image for the college, not seeing herself any different from anyone else.

Before joining the East Central staff, Mayes served as a drafter and inspector for the Mississippi Department of Transportation. She has also held positions with Berivon, Inc., which manufactures pins that hold broken bones together, and Magnolia Steel Company, which is a reinforcing steel fabricator.

Mayes said not a day goes by when she doesn't enjoy coming to work. "Part of that has to do with the people I work with," she added. "They influence me not only professionally, but also personally."

Mayes is a graduate of Newton High School and received the Associate of Arts degree from East Central Community College in 1980. At East Central, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, and VICA - Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. She received the bachelor of science degree in Technical and Occupational Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1999.

She and her husband, Kent, who is employed at Webb Funeral Home in Newton, have one daughter, Brookes, an eighth grader at Newton County Academy.

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ECCC Instructors of the Year

Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington of Clinton, biology/chemistry instructor, and Polly Mayes of Newton, drafting and design technology instructor, were recently selected East Central Community College's Academic and Vocational instructors of the Year, respectively.

They will be recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon on October 20 during the homecoming celebration.

Dr. Hennington, who has served as a biology-chemistry instructor at ECCC since 1998, said she was "very humbled" to be named the college's Academic Instructor of the year.

Dr. Hennington began her teaching career at St. Joseph High School, then served as a graduate assistant in biochemistry at the Univ. of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. She taught at Sumner Hill Jr. High and was an adjunct instructor at Hinds Community College and at Belhaven.

She says that she uses a lot of hands-on work, bringing current events to drive a point home. Seeing her students excel is one of her proudest moments. During her career she has been named STAR teacher on three occasions, received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Microbiology Society, was selected Outstanding High School Science Teacher by Sigma Xi Society at the University of Mississippi, received the Nat'l Research Service Award by the National Institute of Health and received the Merck/New Investigator Award for Excellence in High Blood Pressure Research by the American Heart Association.

Recently she received a grant from the Mississippi NASA Space Grant Consortium to assist East Central's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for a quality water study.She has been named an honorary member.

She received a degree in biology/chemistry and masters degree in special education from Delta State University. She was awarded the Ph.D in biochemistry from the University of Mississippi.

She and her husband, Frank, who is employed at Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant, have two children and two grandsons.

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ECCC Announces Homecoming Week Activities

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A full schedule of events is planned during "Homecoming Week" at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced chairman Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, the College's vice president for instruction.

Activities get underway Wednesday, October 17, when the annual Alumni/Student Tennis Tournament is held on the College courts. Participants can enter the singles or doubles competition, with trophies being awarded for each category. For more information contact Coach Mike Anderson, tournament chairman, extension 301 or 310.

A reception to showcase artwork of ECCC alumni Jennifer Thames and Dianne Douglas, both of Newton, will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, October 18 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Tee-off time for the annual Alumni/Student Golf Tournament is set for 4 p.m. Friday, October 19, at Decatur Country Club. Competition in the nine-hole event is divided into two age groups, with trophies awarded for each category. For more information contact Roger Whitlock, tournament chairman, at extension 299.

Also scheduled Friday is a presentation by Dr. Joe Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is being honored as the 2001 Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Todd, son of the late Dr. L. O. Todd who served as ECCC President from 1934-53, will speak on "Memories of East Central, 1939-1953: Depression, War, Rebuilding, War Again." The special program begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the multi-purpose room of the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building, site of the World War II exhibit, Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45, provided by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES).

Homecoming day activities began with registration procedures scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. in the East Mall area near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. A "virtual" tour of the College will be presented during this time period in the Student Center.

Junior College in a 2:30 p.m. kickoff at Warrior Stadium, with the presentation of Queen Melonie Moore of Neshoba Central and her Court scheduled during halftime ceremonies. Other members of the Homecoming Court are Maid of Honor Katy Bourland of Winston Academy; sophomore maids Molly Addkison of Winston Academy, Tori Tijerina of Newton and Erica Tullos of Neshoba Central; and freshman maids Cynthia Fleming of Louisville, Whitney Harris of Newton County, Cassie Henson of Philadelphia and Kelli Linch of Nanih Waiya.

The day's activities conclude with a reception in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the game.

For more information about Homecoming 2001, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 30327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The alumni office can also be reached by e-mail at sholling@eccc.cc.ms.us.

Reunion groups begin meeting at 10 a.m. at various campus locations according to the following schedule: ECJC National Guard Company of 1940: Room 60, Newton Hall; cast and crew of the 1970 spring musical, Oklahoma, Room 503, Vickers Fine Arts Center; Associate Degree Nursing Alumni Association: Room 16, ADN/Childcare Childcare Technology Building; Class of 1937: Room 506, Vickers Fine Arts Center; Classes of 1957,1958 and 1959: Room 105, Newton Hall; Class of 1931: Room 538, Vickers Fine Arts Center; Class of 1941: (Diamond Anniversary), Room 534, Vickers Fine Arts Center; Class of 1951: (Golden Anniversary), Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium; Class of 1961: Room 506, Vickers Fine Arts Center; Class of 1971: Room 507, Vickers Fine Arts Center; Class of 1981 : Room 90, Newton Hall; Class of 1991: Room 92, Newton Hall; and Class of 2001: Room 70, Newton Hall.

Members of the Warrior Club, a group providing financial support for the College's sports teams, will meet at 11 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

The Alumni Awards luncheon begins at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Honorees for 2001 in addition to Dr. Todd (Class of 1953) are Betty Lewis Gomillion (Class of 1969) of Walnut Grove, Alumna of the Year; former ECCC coaches Willie J. Coats and Sammy Pace (Class of 1969), both of Decatur, and Charlie Payne (Class of 1963) of Florence, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees; Dr. Betty Sue Hennington of Clinton, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Polly Mayes (Class of 1980) of Newton, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

The Warriors take on Jones County

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ECCC alumni to showcase artwork Oct. 18

ECCC alumni to showcase artwork at Oct. 18 reception

A reception to showcase artwork of East Central Community college alumni Jennifer Thames and Dianne Dougles, both of Newton, will be held Thursday, Oct. 18 on the Decatur campus. The special activity, held as part of Homecoming Week activities, is scheduled from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Thames, a 1987 ECCC graduate, will present various watercolors and pastels from her collection. She teaches art at Newton High School.

Douglas, a 1995 ECCC graduate, will feature watercolors and acrylics in her exhibit. She is employed at Morton High School, where she teaches art and history.

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Thames - Douglas ECCC Art Showcase Oct. 18

A reception to showcase the artwork of East Central Community College alumni Jennifer Thames and Dianne Douglas, both of Newton, will be held Thursday, Oct. 18, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus as part of Homecoming Week activities. All are invited to attend.

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ECCC organizes support group to assist college's band program

Supporters of the East Central Community College Band program have an opportunity to provide financial assistance to the talented group by becoming a member of the recently organized "Friends of the Wall O' Sound."

Thomas W. Carson, ECCC director of bands, said additional funds are needed to maintain the level of quality the band program has achieved over the past several years.

"With the recent tremendous growth of the East Central band, demands for equipment and facilities have created new challenges on the financial resources available for our program," said Carson, who in his 20th year at the College. He added, "The ECCC Foundation is making available to all alumni and fans of the band an opportunity to help make music through financial support."

In addition to the 150-member Wall O' Sound Marching Band, East Central offers a concert band,

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jazz band, the Collegians, percussion ensemble and a touring marching drum line, which round out a diverse and active program available to area high school graduates.

Carson said membership in "Friends of the Wall O' Sound" is available according to the following levels of support: Maestro Level, $1,000 or more; Conductor Level, $500; Director Level, $250; Section Leader Level, $100; First Chair Level, $50; and Band Aide Level, $25.

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year.

All contributions are tax deductible when made payable to the ECCC Foundation, Inc.

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Artwork by East Central Community College alumni Jennifer Thames (left) and Dianne Douglas, both of Newton, will be on display at the College as part of Homecoming activities scheduled the week of October 15 on the Decatur campus. A reception to showcase their work will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, October 18 in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Thames, a 1987 ECCC graduate, will present various watercolors and pastels from her collection. She teaches art at Newton High School. Douglas, a 1995 ECCC graduate, will feature her work in watercolors and acrylics. She is employed at Morton High School, where she teaches art and history. The talented artists are shown with their former teacher, ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy who also serves as Chairman of the Division of Communications. (EC Photo)

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EC Homecoming planners

Making final preparations for East Central Community College's Homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, Oct. 20, are members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors who include (seated from left) James Vance of Meridian, Association president and out-of-district representative; Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, vice president and Neshoba County representative; Tam Cooper of Jackson, out-of-district representative; Steve Quinn of Louisville, secretary and out-of-district representative; and Patti Davis of Decatur, ECCC faculty representative; and (standing from left) college representatives Stacey Hollingsworth, Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Andy Murphy of Meridian; Ann Burkes, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president; Lanette Hanna and Jimmy Dempsey.

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COOPER JOINS ECCC ALUMNI GROUP - Tam Cooper of Jackson (center) was recently selected to serve as an out-of-district representative on the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Cooper, a 1992 honor graduate and former Decatur resident, is employed as dispositions specialist for the Molpus Woodlands Group in Jackson. She previously served as director of scholarship programs for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The new alumni association representative is shown with James Vance, left, of Meridian, Asso. president, and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. (EC photo)

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Former ECJC Club Team Members Honored at Homecoming

These former East Central Community College athletes who were members of women's club teams from 1956-1975 were presented varsity letters during a special ceremony held during homecoming activities in October on the Decatur campus. Former ECJC coach Lucille Wood, event organizer, made the presentation to her former players "who truly paved the way for women's sports as they are known today." Included in the group are former basketball, tennis and volleyball team members who participated in their respective sport without receiving scholarships or varsity letters. The players also furnished their own uniforms. First row, from left, are Ann Sigrest Williams, Columbia; Gail Dubard Jabour, Clinton; Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur; Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville; Linda Lea Glasglow, Greenville; Brenda Waggoner Kirby, Forest; coach Wood, Decatur; Nan Shields Morgan, Ridgeland; Jo Munn Blackburn, Decatur; Annette Duncan Presley, Jackson; Lynn Russell Hayes, Decatur; Donna Kirksey Durr, Raymond; and Lucy Young, Vicksburg. Second row, from left, are Lib Smith Hill, Forest; Sharon Osborn Brown, Austin, Texas; Betty Tadlock Haney, Brandon; Patsy Tadlock Hollingsworth, Morton; Billie McCrory Watkins, Forest; Sylvia Horn Bush, Newton; Brenda Garvin McMullan, Decatur; Sandy Puckett Keenan, Bay Springs; Becky Carter Phillips and Ann Hall, both of Philadelphia; Wanda Elliott No Walnut; and Dana Griffis Carson, Meridian. row, from left, are Peggy Nickell McQueen, Rock, Ark.; Rita Jones Waggoner, Forest; Rit Gibbon, Birmingham, Ala.; Elaine Moore Jo Pearl; Cynda Gibbon Barfield, Baton Rouge, Linda Hill Eakes, Philadelphia; Betty McKin Walker, Florence; Barbara Wicker Price, Qui Deborah Norwood Duncan, Philadelphia; Jo Sue Currie Gaddis, Mize; Lynda Truesdale, Glenda Watson Natale, Baton Rouge, La.; an Tidwell Posey, Philadelphia. *(ECCC Photo)*

WEEK OF Nov 26 '01

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Kristie L. Pilgrim of Union was recently selected surgical technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Pilgrim, who began her new duties on November 1, previously served as a nursing/physician assistant for the Rush Medical Group in Meridian. She is also a former operating room technician at Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc. in Jackson and at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. In addition, she has also worked part-time as a surgical technician at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

She received an associate of applied science degree in surgical technology from ECCC, where she was actively involved in HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and was a member of the concert choir.

She is married to Todd Pilgrim.

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WEEK OF Nov 26

Presents check for ECCC scholarship

Karl Brantley (left), plant manager at U. S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia, recently presented a $10,000 check to the East Central Community College Foundation to help fund the U. S. Electrical Motors Scholarship. Shown accepting the contribution is Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. At right is Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations. The amount in the scholarship fund now totals $15,000. The company is planning to endow the scholarship at the $20,000 level, with earnings from the endowment to provide scholarships for outstanding children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of active or retired U. S. Electrical Motors' employees.

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EC names Board of Directors...

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Above are members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jerry Nance (secretary) of Louisville, Prentice Copeland (chairman) of Philadelphia, Beverly Hart of Union, Melanie Hartley, Leake County Superintendent of Education and Janie Wilbanks, both of Carthage; Edsel Cliburn of Union; (second row, from left) W. Edward Kitchings of Carthage, Dr. Danny Lanier of Little Rock, Gary McDill of Conehatta, Randal Livingston of Louisville and Eddie Willis of Philadelphia; (third row, from left) Bill Thames of Newton, A. F. Hollingsworth of Lake, Leo Parker of Noxapater, Royce Shaw of Forest and W. B. Jones of Walnut Grove; (fourth row, form left) Steve Nelson, Neshoba County Superintendent of Education and Stanley Salter, both of Philadelphia, and Jerry K. Moore of Carthage; and (top row, from left) Silas O'Neal of Carthage, Jack Winstead (vice chairman) of Lawrence and Vernon Crotwell of Morton. Not pictured are Ramona Adcock of Philadelphia, Robert Blount of Union, Annie Stowers of Forest, Rebecca Farris and Bingham Moncrief, Scott County Superintendent of Education, both of Morton; and Paul Simmons, Delane Hudson and Dr. John Garner, Jr., Winston County Superintendent of Education, all of Louisville.

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EC alums get questionnaire for directory

East Central Community College alumni will soon receive an important questionnaire in the mail, according to Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Hollingsworth said the questionnaire is being sent to give alumni an opportunity to be accurately listed in the upcoming new ECCC Alumni Directory. Alumni are encouraged to complete and return the directory questionnaire to the publisher prior to the deadline indicated on the form.

She said the information will be edited and processed by the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., for inclusion in the new directory. Alumni who complete the questionnaire will also be contacted prior to publication to verify that the personal data is accurate.

"If alumni fail to return the questionnaire, it is possible they may be inadvertently omitted or their personal information will be printed incorrectly. So don't take a chance...watch for the questionnaire and form and remember to return it promptly," Hollingsworth said.

For more information contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327.

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ECCC President's Council – December, 1988

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WEEK OF 1/8/01

EC grid Warriors ink with four-year schools

Five members of the 2000 East Central Community College football team recently signed national letters-of-intent to continue their careers on the university level, announced Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.

Signees include strong safety Rashad Blaylock (5-foot-11, 200 pounds) of Union and running back Terrance Wansley (6-1, 200) of Newton County High School, both with the University of Arkansas at Monticello; offensive lineman Randy Brown (6-4, 300) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County and linebacker Anthony Thompson (6-0, 205) of Early (Ga.) County, both with West Georgia University; and linebacker Levi Duncan (6-2, 210) who inked with the University of Tennessee at Martin.

East Central completed the 2000 campaign with a 6-4 mark.

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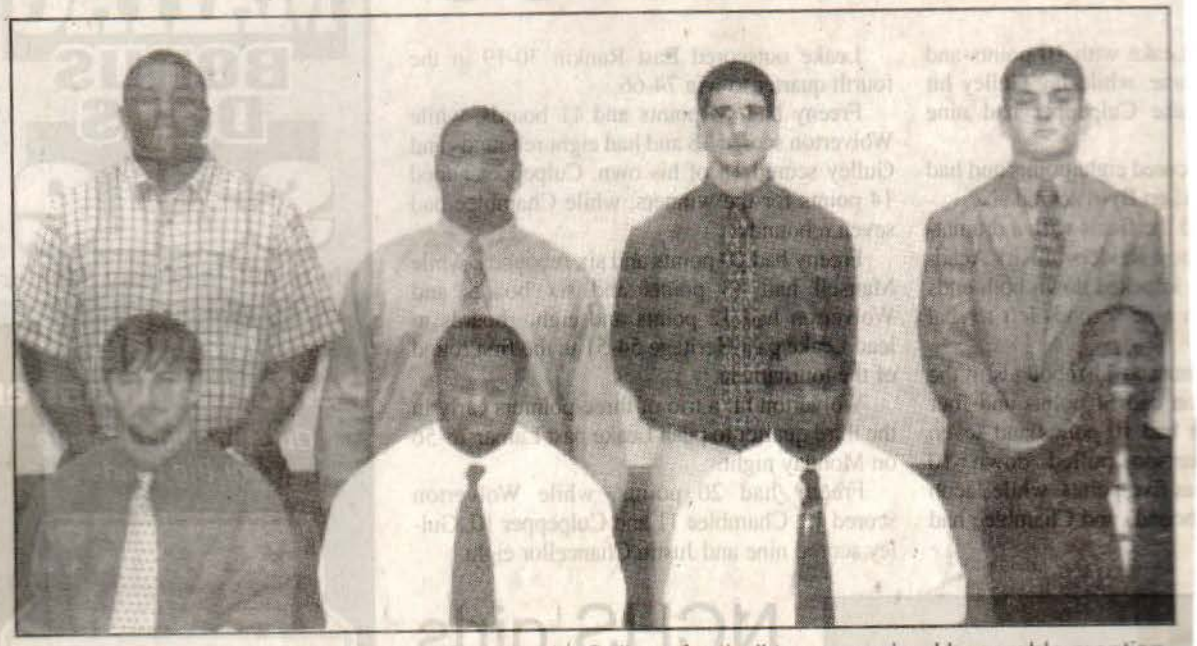
Honorable Mention All-State



These members of the East Central Community College football team received honorable mention All-State honors for the 2000 campaign and were recognized at the annual football awards banquet. Seated from left are linebacker Curt Blackburn; defensive lineman Jermaine Crosby; defensive back Rashad Blaylock, Union; and linebacker Levi Duncan. Standing from left are offensive lineman Jerry Spencer; offensive lineman Reggie Sistrunk, defensive back Tommy Ford, and Tight end Clint Burkes. Not pictured are Raphael Goodwin, offensive lineman Randy Brown, defensive back Dexter Cole of Neshoba Central; defensive back Keaton Donald; linebacker Anthony Thompson; wide receiver Darrius Thames of Philadelphia High School; linebacker John Bibb and running back Chad Warren. The Warriors fished the season with a 6-4 overall mark and a 3-3 South Division record.

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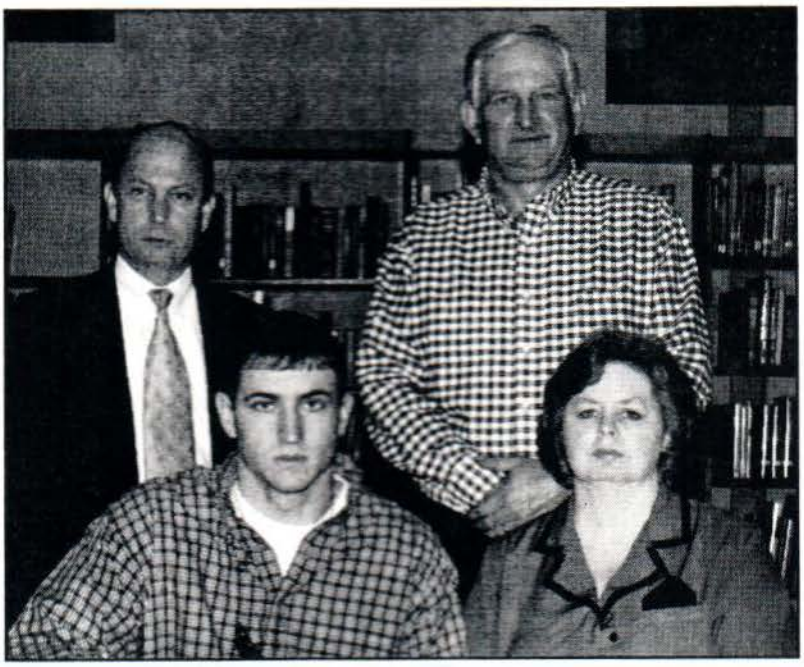

Williams will play for the Warriors

Forest Bearcat standout John Williams has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors during the 2001 fall campaign. Joining John at the signing ceremony were Mrs Peggy Williams(seated, left) and standing(from left) Mr Danny. Williams and Forest Head Football Coach Jack French.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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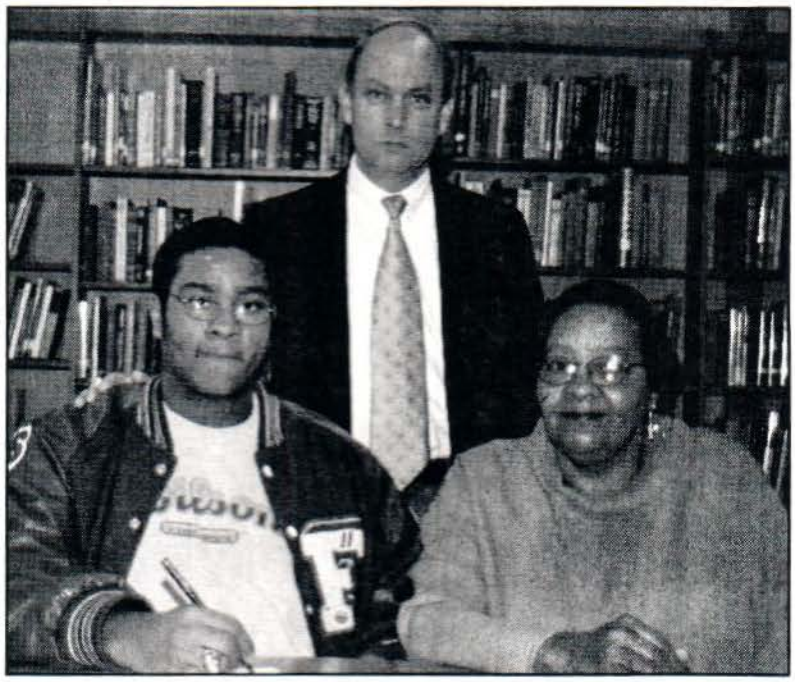

Graffenread inks with ECCC

Forest Bearcat standout Jason Graffenread has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors during the 2001 fall campaign. Joining Jason at the signing ceremony were Louvlla(seated, left) and standing)Forest Head Football Coach Jack French.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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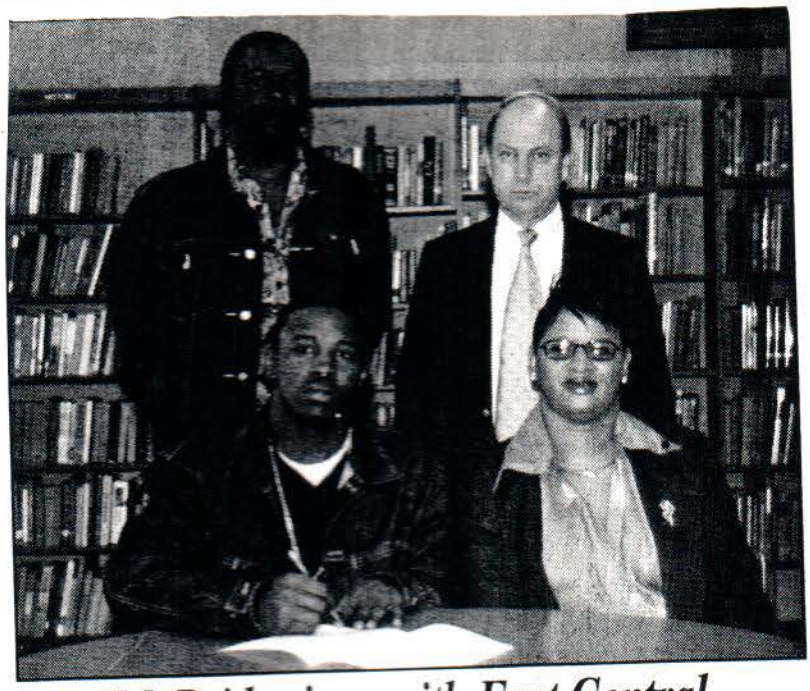

McBride signs with East Central

Forest Bearcat standout Pete McBride has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors during the 2001 fall campaign. Joining Pete at the signing ceremony were Jacqueline McBride(seated, left) and standing(from left) Mr. Ananias McBride and Forest Head Football Coach Jack French.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

Numerous ECCC Standouts Ink Football Scholarships

DECATUR--Several members of the 2000 East Central Community College football squad signed letters of intent with four-year colleges and universities during a special ceremony held today (February 7) at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Signees include tight end/defensive end Quentin Bowens (6-2, 255), a former standout at Brooks High School, in Killen, Ala., who signed with the University of Alabama; offensive lineman Randy Brunson (6-2, 280) of Sebastopol, Nichols State; linebacker LaKendrick Houston (6-0, 220) of Louisville, Mississippi Valley State University; defensive back D'Angelo Lewis (6-0. 180) of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Southern University; and quarterback Mitchell McKinnon (6-3, 190) of Palatka, Fla., North Eastern Oklahoma State University.

Earlier signees who transferred to their respective colleges at mid-year include defensive back Rashad Blalock (6-0, 200) of Union and running back Terrance Wansley (6-0, 190) of Newton County High School, both now with the University of Arkansas - Monticello; offensive lineman Randy Brown (6-3, 310) of Tuscaloosa County, Ala., and linebacker Anthony Thompson (6-0, 210) of Early County High School in Blakely, Ga., both with West Georgia University; and linebacker Levi Duncan (6-2, 215) of Eustis, Fla., University of Tennessee Martin.

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Viverette signs with ECCC

LAKE--This past week Lake football standout Josh Viverette signed a national letter of intent to play football for the ECCC Warriors. Pictured at the signing are (front row) Zettie Viverette, Josh Viverette, (back row) Lake Head Football Coach Steve Nelson & Lake Principal Randy Martin.

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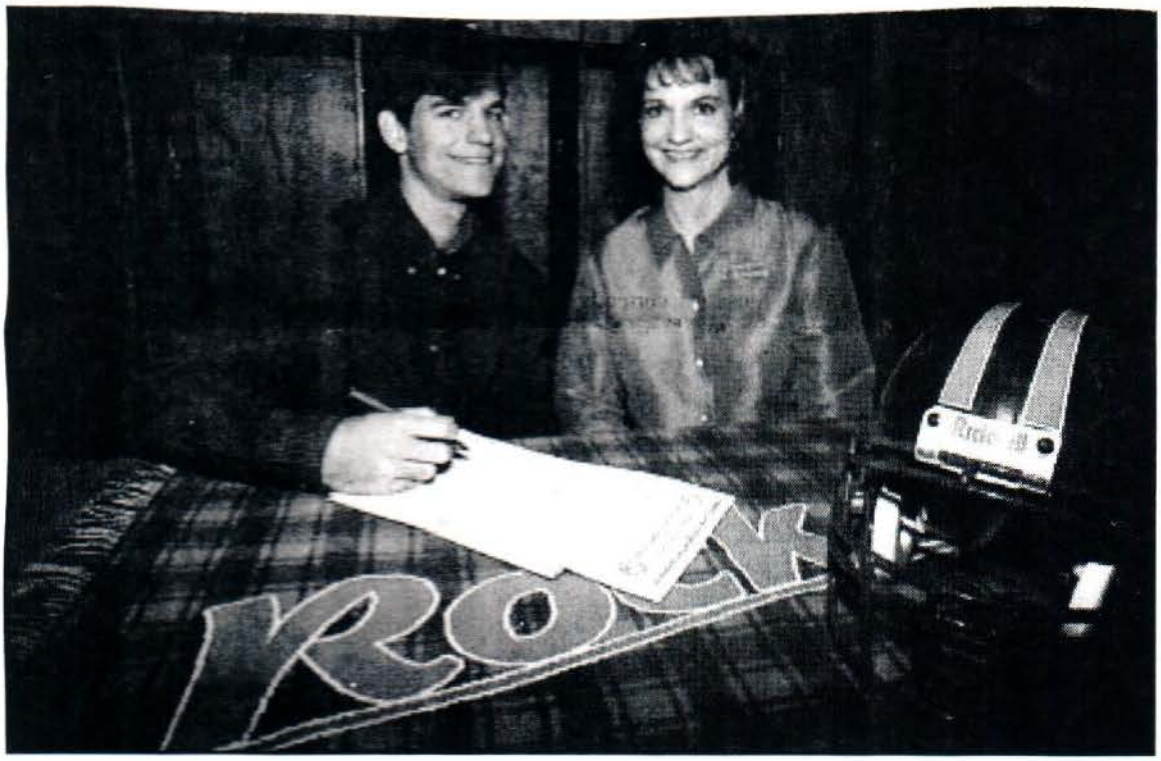

Photo by Wright Griffis

Timothy Fieber of Neshoba Central, left, signs with East Central as his mother Janice looks on.

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Stacey Lewis, front left, has signed to play football for East Central Community College.

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Brunson

Randy Brunson signs with Nichols State University

East Central Community College offensive lineman Randy Brunson of Sebastopol has signed a National Letter of Intent with Nichols State University, located in Thibodeaux, LA. Brunson, a 6-2, 280-pound product of Sebastopol High School, helped lead East Central to a 6-4 overall mark and 3-3 in South Division competition last season. Following the 2000 campaign, Brunson was named first team All-State and All-Star. He was also selected as the Warrior's most outstanding lineman. Brunson was a member of one of the most successful football programs on record at East Central. The Warriors compiled a 14-6 mark over the last two seasons.

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WEEK OF 3/5/01

ECCC Warriors ink scholarships

These members of the 2000 East Central Community College football squad have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers with various four-year colleges and universities. From left are tight end/defensive end Quentin Bowens (6-2, 255), of Killen, Ala., who signed with Alabama; offensive lineman Randy Brunson (6-2, 280) of Sebastopol with Nicholls State; linebacker LaKendrick Houston (6-2, 220) of Louisville with Mississippi Valley State; defensive back D'Angelo Lewis (6-0, 180) of Fayetteville, N.C., with Southern University; and quarterback Mitchell McKinnon (6-3, 190) of Palatka, Fla., with Northeastern Oklahoma State. (EC Photo)

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Cougars headed to ECCC

Signing grant-in-aid football scholarships to East Central Community College were Newton County High School football standouts, seated from left, Kody Comans, Justin Smith, and Germaine Smith. Their parents are, standing from left, Wayne Comans, Sandy Comans, Sandra Smith, Leonard Smith, and Jerry Smith. (Photo by Lois Cooper)

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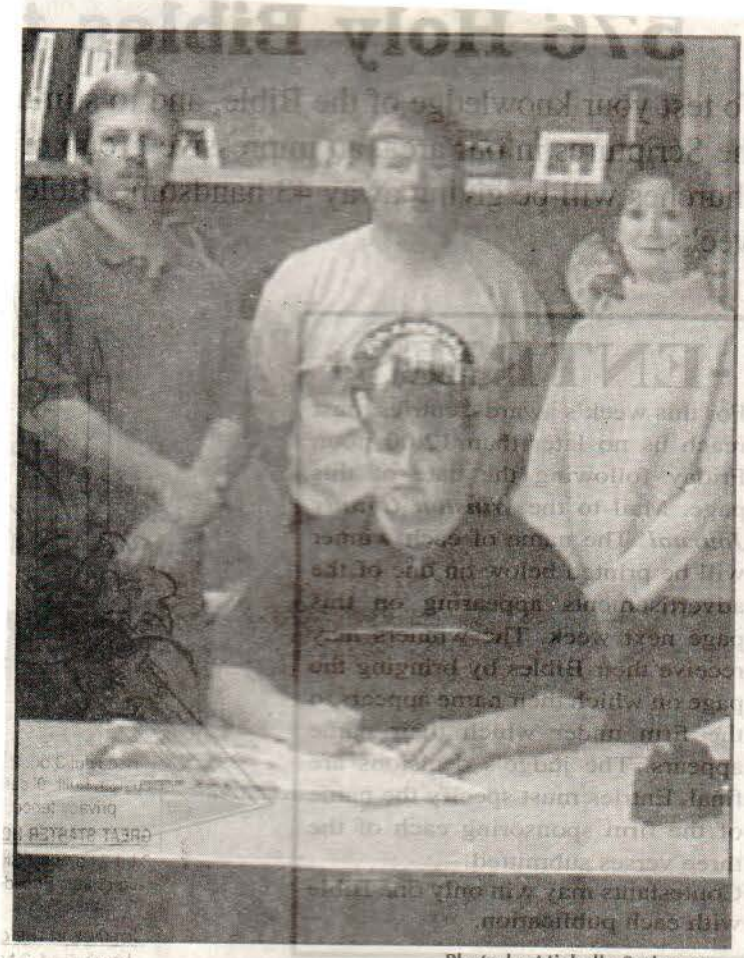

Photo by Michelle Scrivener

Wesley Wright, a senior at Winston Academy, is shown signing football scholarship papers with ECCC for the 2001-2002 year. Shown with Wright are (from left) his father, Charlie Wright, Coach Wayman Grantham and his mother, Brenda Wright.

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WEEK OF 3/5/01

Warriors call Su´e

One of the top offensive linemen in Florida has signed a letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.

Rudy Su´e, a 6-1, 270-pound offensive guard and three-year starter at Escambia High School, shared most valuable offensive player of the year honors this past season in District I, which includes most of the Panhandle region.

He was also selected first team All-State, All Big Six and All Northwest Florida.

In addition, he is scheduled to play in the Florida/Georgia All-Star Game this summer.

Following his junior campaign, Su´e was chosen first team All Big Six and All Northwest Florida, and second team All-State.

Su´e helped lead Escambia to 31 wins, including a state runner-up title over the last three years.

Underwood was obviously pleased to sign the standout lineman.

"Rudy is the best high school offensive lineman I have seen in 10 years. He will make an immediate impact on our team, and we feel very fortunate that he is now a Warrior," Underwood said.

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WEEK OF May 11, 2001

ECCC gridders ink with Southwest Oklahoma

Two standout members of the East Central Community College football team have signed national letters-of-intent to continue their careers at Southwest Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla., ECCC head football coach Terry Underwood announced.

Southwest Oklahoma competes in Division II and is a member of the Lone Star Conference.

Joining the Bulldogs are tight end Clint Burkes, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound product of Scott Central, and defensive back Tommy Ford, a 6-foot-2, 196-pound product of Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Both players received honorable mention all-state honors following the Warriors' 2000 campaign.

Underwood said he feels "very fortunate" to have had both players on his squad for two years and wished them the best of luck at the Oklahoma school. He also praised Burkes and Ford for being a part of one the most successful football teams at the ECCC. The 1999 Warriors posted an 8-2 mark and last fall ECCC went 6-4. The two-year record of 14 wins and six losses represents the second-best two-year record in school history.

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WEEK OF 5-28-01

ECCC signs 2 football stars

From Special Reports

DECATUR — Two out-of-state standouts have been added to the list of 2001 football signees at East Central Community College.

Joining the Warrior squad are Kevin Stephens, a 5-foot-11, 175-pound quarterback from Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala., and Tyrone Barrette, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound offensive lineman from Belleglade (Fla.) High School.

Stephens passed for 1,600 yards and 16 touchdowns and was ranked in the 50 percentile in passing efficiency. He was named All-County Player-of-the-Year and was selected to the Alabama/Florida/Georgia Wire Grass Super 12.

In addition, he was chosen second team All-State, was voted team captain and received the team's most valuable player award.

"I am excited about Kevin joining our program and feel he will have an immediate impact," said ECCC head football coach Terry Underwood.

Barrette was a two-year starter at Belleglade and was named to the All-County and honorable mention All-State squads. He helped lead BHS to a 44-1 record over the last four years. Belleglade has won the last three Class 3A state championships.

"We feel very fortunate to have signed Tyrone," Underwood said. "He comes from one of the best high school programs in Florida."

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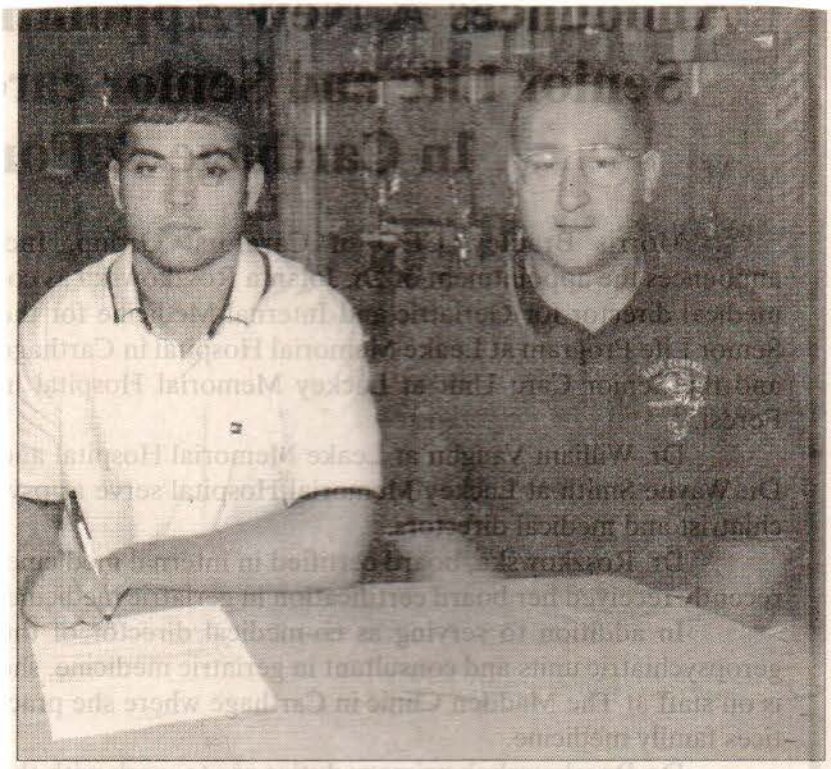

Burkes signs with Southwest Oklahoma State University

Tight end Clint Burkes, a two-year standout at East Central Community College in Decatur, has signed a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at Southwest Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Burkes, a 6-3, 235-pound product of Scott Central High School, was an honorable mention All-State selection following the Warriors' 2000 campaign. He helped lead East Central to a two-year mark of 14-6, second-best in school history. Pictured with the new "Bulldog" is Terry Underwood, ECCC head football coach. Southwest Oklahoma State University competes in Division II and is a member of the Lone Star Conference.

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ECCC signs kicker from Alabama

Danny Haynes of Brooks High School in Killen, Ala., recently signed a national letter-of-intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College.

A kicker, Haynes was selected a Chopat High School Preseason All-American and was selected Alabama Super All-State his junior and senior seasons.

He was selected to play in the North/South Alabama All-Star Game and was chosen the Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete of the Year for Class 4A his senior year.

ECCC head football coach Terry Underwood said, "We think Danny is a good kicker and will provide an immediate impact on our kicking game. We look forward to having him in our program."

What: Soccer Camp.
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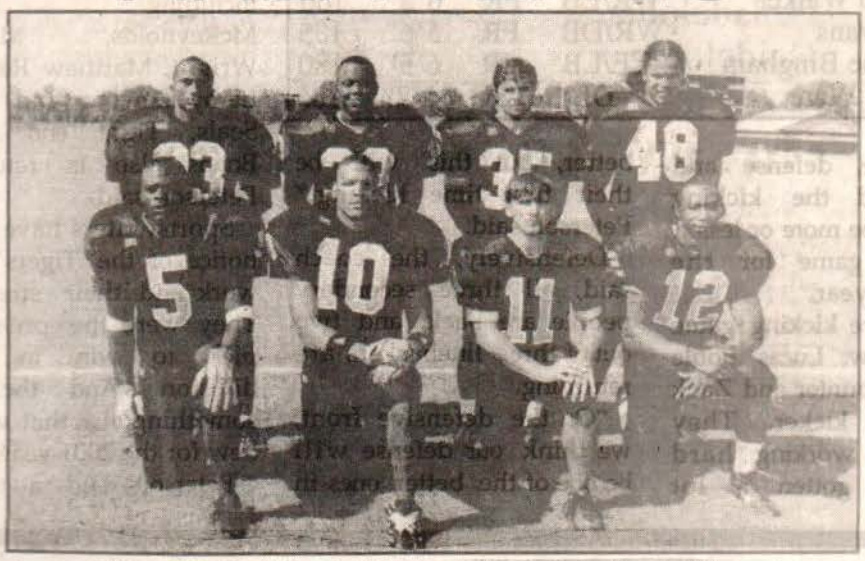

Members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team from Newton County include (kneeling from left) defensive back (5) Cedric Cotton, defensive lineman (10) Keith Curry and defensive back (11) Josh Chaney, all of Newton County High School; and linebacker (12) Teon Wilson of Newton; and (standing from left) wide receiver (23) Justin Smith, defensive back (33) Joaquin Loper, linebacker (35) Kody Comans and defensive lineman (48) Jon Gusman, all of Newton County High School.

2001 Warrior Football Schedule

September 6	MS Delta	Moorhead	7:00 p.m.
September 15	Coahoma	Clarksdale	1:00 p.m.
September 20	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
September 27	Holmes	Decatur	6:30 p.m
October 6	Copiah-Lincoln	Wesson	2:30 p.m.
October 11	Hinds	Raymond	7:00 p.m.
October 20	Jones (HC)	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
October 27	Southwest	Summit	7:00 p.m.
November 1	Pear River	Decatur	6:30 p.m.

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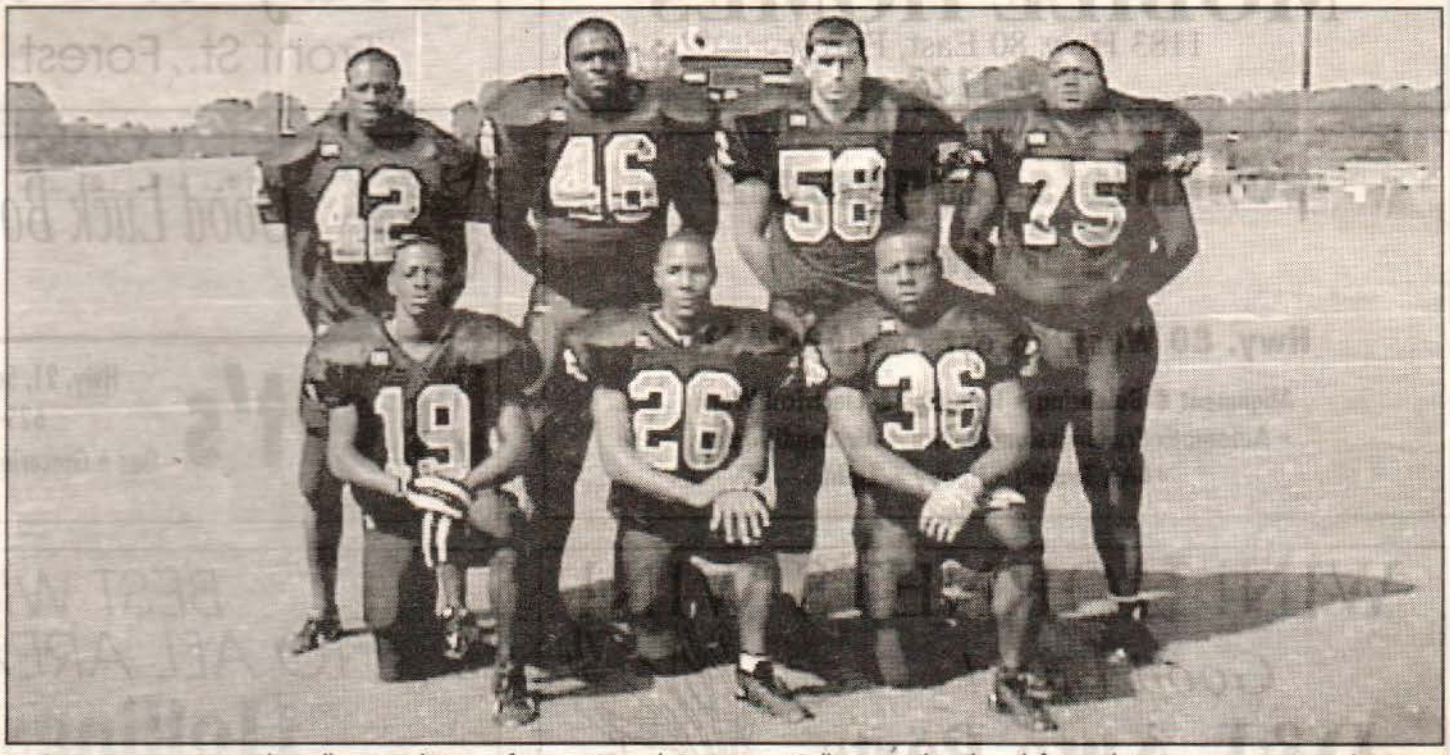

Scott County natives who will suit up this year for East Central Community College are (kneeling, left to right) #19 Ananias McBride, Forest High School, #26 Marcus Lee, Forest High School, #36 Howard Jackson, Scott Central High School, and (standing, left to right) #42 Josh Viverette, Lake High School, #46 Michael Wells, Forest High School, #58 John Williams, Forest High School, #75 Edwit Epting, Forest High School.

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Cheatham fitting in at East Central

By MITCH LUCAS
Sports Writer

DECATUR — Just months after leaving his position as head football coach at Philadelphia High School, Steve Cheatham has settled in as an assistant in the East Central Community College program.

Just ask his charges.

"We're glad to have him," said Brian Lillis, a tight end-defensive lineman for the Warriors, who played at Neshoba Central, Cheatham's biggest rival while the Tornadoes' head coach. "He brings a great intensity to this team."

Cheatham's intensity and tenacity made him a hot commodity among high school coaches in the state, and had he stayed at Philadelphia, Cheatham surely would have been mentioned for other prep jobs. His name was always brought up among schools' wish lists.

He coached the Tornadoes for four seasons, compiling a 35-11-1 record there and four consecutive trips to the Class 2A playoffs. Perhaps just as important to PHS fans, Cheatham was 4-0 against his alma mater, Neshoba Central.

But now, Cheatham has returned to coaching at the collegiate level — he once served as special teams coach at Clemson — and he is loving it.

"I feel like I've died and gone to heaven," he said. "(East Central head coach) Terry (Underwood) runs a very good program, and there's a pleasant atmosphere at this campus."

Underwood was glad he invited Cheatham to join his staff.

"We think he's great," Underwood said. "He's a great guy, and a seasoned coach. Plus, he's worked at the collegiate level before, and that's good experience. He's only been here a short time, but the players really respect him."

Cheatham sees several of his former players on the East Central roster, including sophomore offensive lineman Cedric McAfee (6-3, 320), sophomore defensive back Buck Thames (5-11, 172), and freshman offensive lineman Leandrew McDonald (6-0, 255).

Cheatham's duties with the Warriors include coaching linebackers and special teams. He is also in charge of the team's managers: Ben Wilbanks, Terrance Anderson, Hardy Gross, Brook Bobo, Justin Wilkerson, and Neshoba countian Damon Hudson.

"They're a good group of kids," he said. "I tell them what we need done, and they do it, without hesitation. We're getting along great."

Coaching-wise, Cheatham has been pleased with his group of linebackers, which are Teon Wilson (6-2, 215), of Newton; John Bibb (5-11, 225) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Kody Comans (5-11, 195) of Decatur; Howard Jackson (5-11, 220) of Forest; Josh Viverette (5-11, 170) of Lake; Kendrick Love (5-11, 190) of

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Photo by Mitch Lucas

East Central Community College Head Football Coach Terry Underwood, kneeling, is surrounded by assistant coaches, from left, Steve Cheatham, Fred Lyons, Tim Coats, Joey Pinkston, Tommy Clopton and trainer Joey McLeod.

Louisville; and of course, former Neshoba Central star Stacey Lewis (6-0, 246), a freshman.

Cheatham was high on Lewis when the young man was still at Neshoba Central and Cheatham had to coach against him as the leader of the Tornadoes.

"Stacey's been working very, very hard for us," said Cheatham. "He's got a chance to do some special things."

Overall, Cheatham is having to once again get accustomed to the difference in speed of the game at the junior college level and the high school level.

"That's the biggest difference," he said. "These guys have some speed, and I know a lot of the teams we'll be playing have it, too. It's kind of amazing to get used to this again. ...But we play in a good league, and many of the players here could be playing Division I college football right now. We're excited about the season, and I believe we'll have a good one."

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Named assistant football coach

Steve Cheatham

Steve Cheatham of Philadelphia was recently named an assistant football coach at East Central Community College, Warrior head coach Terry Underwood has announced.

Cheatham's general area of responsibility will be coaching the inside linebackers and special teams. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Cheatham serves as assistant to the Director of Student Life.

Cheatham worked for the past four years as head football coach at Philadelphia High School, compiling an overall 38-11-1 record. His teams advanced to the state playoffs each season. Cheatham was chosen *The Neshoba Democrat's* "Coach of the Year" after the 2000 squad posted a 10-2 mark. Additional honors he received du ring his tenure at Philadelphia include selection as coach in the Bernard Blackwell and Mississippi/Alabama All-Star games.

Cheatham is also a former assistant coach/defensive coordinator at Dothan (Ala.) High School. He served as a graduate assistant at Clemson University and was a member of the coaching

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staff when the Tigers were Peach Bowl champions in 1993 and participants in the 1996 Gator Bowl.

He began his coaching career at Neshoba Central High School, where he served as assistant coach/defensive coordinator for 16 years.

In all, Cheatham brings over 22 years of coaching experience to his new position.

An ECCC alumnus, Cheatham holds a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Mississippi State University and a master's degree in secondary guidance and counseling from Clemson University.

He is married to the former Brenda Munn of Philadelphia, who is also an ECCC alumnus and a former Warrior football cheerleader. She is employed as a secretary at Philadelphia High School. The Cheathams have a daughter, Lindsey, a freshman cheerleader at East Central.

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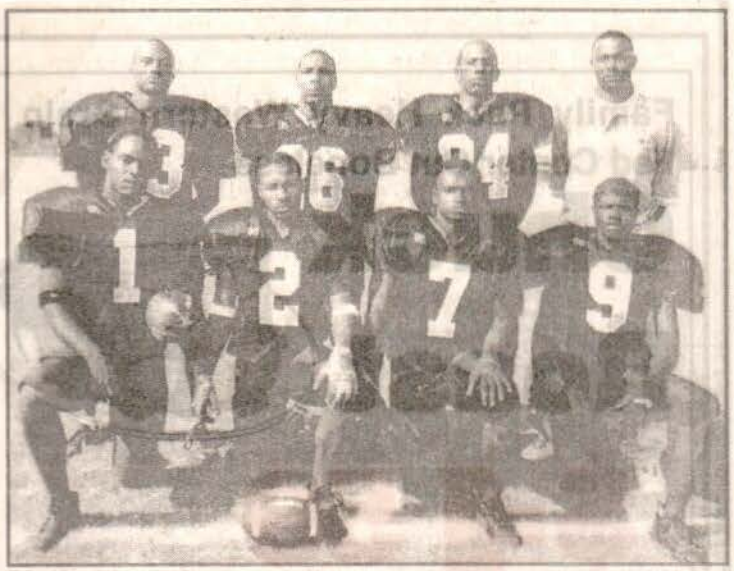

ECCC RECEIVERS - Receivers on the 2001 East Central Community College football team are (kneeling from left) Dontay Spillman of Valley High School, Louisville, Kentucky; Buck Thames of Philadelphia; Jarvis Lymon of Foley, Alabama; and Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater; and (standing from left) Justin Smith of Newton County; Marcus Lee of Forest; Marcus Hibbler of Louisville and Joey Pinkston, receivers coach. (EC Photo)

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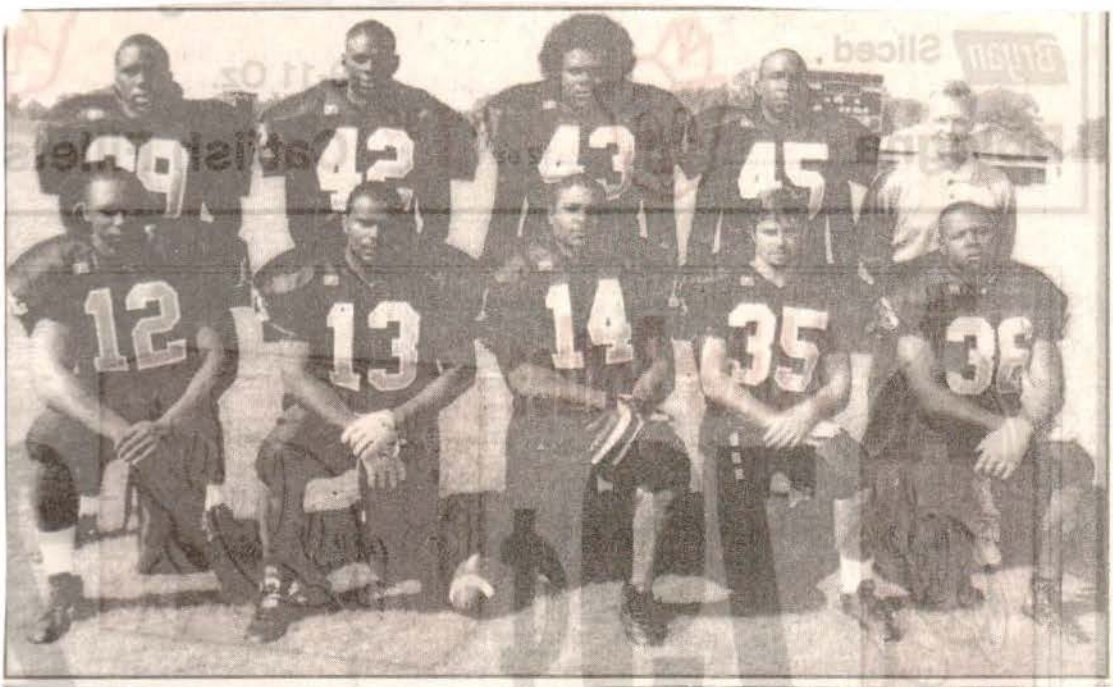

ECCC LINEBACKERS - Linebackers on the 2001 East Central Community College football team are (kneeling from left) Teon Wilson of Newton, John Bibb of Tuscaloosa Central, Melvin Cotton of Holt, Alabama; Kody Comans of Newton County and Howard Jackson of Scott Central; and (standing from left) Dwight Agee of Collins, Josh Viverette of Lake, Stacey Lewis of Neshoba Central, Kendrick Love of Louisville and Steve Cheatham, linebackers coach. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Announces Probable Starters for Season Opener

DECATUR--East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has announced probable starters for the Warriors' season-opening contest scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6 at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. Starters include the following:

OFFENSE: Quarterback – Brian Zbydniewski (6-3, 190), Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; tailback- Patrick Prince (5-9, 197), Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) or Ramon Williams (5-11, 222) Brookwood (Ala.) High School; fullback- Terrance DeGraffenried (5-10, 235), Tuscaloosa Central or Chadrick Warren (5-10, 225), Quitman; center – Rudy Su'e (6-1, 291) Escambia (Fla.) High School; strong guard – Cedric McAffee (6-3, 320), Philadelphia; strong tackle –Jerry Spencer (6-4, 315), North Moore (N.C.) High School; tight end –Fredrick Knighten (6-1, 245), Meridian or Brian Lillis (6-3, 230), Neshoba Central; quick guard – Demarcus Granger (6-3, 274), Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; quick tackle – Kenneth Hurt (6-5, 310); wide receiver – Dontay Spillman (6-2, 195), Valley (Kentucky) High School, Jarvis Lymon (5-10, 185), Foley (Ala.) High School, or Marcus Lee (5-9, 175), Forest; kicker –Danny Haynes (5-10, 212), Brooks (Ala.) High School; and punter – Kevin Stephens (5-11, 170), Charles Henderson (Ala.) High School.

DEFENSE: Nose guard – Arrion Triplett (6-1, 246), Louisville or Michael Wells (6-3, 302), Forest; ends – John Gusman (6-4, 250) Newton County, Courtney Steele (6', 260), Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County or Johnny Jackson (6-7, 256), Aliceville (Ala.) High School; linebackers – Keith Curry (6-3, 225), Newton County, Howard Jackson (5-11, 220), Scott Central, Melvin Cotton (6', 225), Holt (Ala.) High School, Teon Wilson (6-2, 215), Newton, John Bibb (5-11, 225), Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central or Kendrick Love (5-11, 190), Louisville; strong safety – Cedric Cotton (6-1, 220), Newton County; free safety – Chris Hooper (6-4, 220), North Springs (Georgia) High School or Josh Chaney (5-10, 185), Newton County; and cornerbacks Marco Cole (6', 170), Neshoba Central; Buck Thames (5-11, 172), Philadelphia; or Joaquin Loper (5-10, 195), Newton County.

All ECCC football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) featuring veteran broadcaster Mike Goodwin.

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East Central CC adds 3 new coaches on basketball staff

A successful coach on the high school level has been tapped to lead the men's basketball program at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Billy Smith, who has guided the Neshoba Central Lady Rockets since 1985, was introduced Tuesday as the new Warrior head basketball coach at a news conference held at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Smith, 40, succeeds Jay Bowen who resigned in August to take an assistant coaching position at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

In making the announcement, ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the College was very fortunate to hire someone who has had success on the high school level and is also a coach from East Central's district.

"His next challenge is to move the men's basketball program to the next level, and I feel confident he will be able to do that," Sutphin said.

Smith, whose Lady Rockets amassed a 388-151 record during his 16-year tenure, said, "I appreciate the opportunity given to me and look forward to getting to work as soon as possible. I am also looking forward to a new challenge and working hard to make the men's basketball program here at East Central the best it can be."

An obvious highlight of his successful career at Neshoba Central was winning the State Class 4A Championship in 1990-91. The Lady Rockets were also division champions that year and finished season action with a 36-4 record.

Last season the Neshoba Central girls won the district title and advanced to the State 4A semifinals en route to a 28-11 mark. In all, Smith's teams have won six district titles and finished district runners-up on five occasions.

Prior to joining the Neshoba Central staff, Smith served as junior varsity men's basketball coach and varsity basketball assistant at McKinney (Texas) High School during 1984-85. He is also a former graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi (1983-84) and varsity men's basketball assistant and head freshman basketball and football coach at Philadelphia high and elementary schools (1982-83).

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A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Smith attended East Central Community College and received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Delta State University. He holds a master's degree in physical education from the University of Southern Mississippi and has a master's degree in administration from Jackson State University.

He is married to the former Susan Lankston of Edinburg and has three children, Andy, a senior at Neshoba Central; Chandler, a second-grader; and Mackie, who's in kindergarten.

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EC adds two

Along with a new head coach, East Central's men also have a new assistant.

Shane Eck was recently named men's assistant, announced athletic director Terry Underwood.

Eck areas of responsibility include recruiting, scouting and player supervision in regards to academics and dorms. He will also work in the Student Services area.

Eck was at Clarion University in Pennsylvania prior to joining the East Central staff.

At Clarion he served as student assistant for men's basketball and also has been involved in basketball camps, serving as coach and camp organizer. He most recently provided assistance as coach/head counselor for a basketball camp sponsored by the Philadelphia 76ers.

He is a 2001 graduate of Clarion, where he received a bachelor's degree in speech communication and theatre.

Alone with Eck, East Central also added Toby Bush as a women's assistant coach, recently.

Bush will help with recruiting and player development and will provide assistance in the Student Services area.

Prior to joining the East Central staff, Bush served as head student manager at the University of Memphis for the past six years.

Bush has coached AAU basketball and has served as an assistant coach for basketball camps at held at the University of Memphis and at the University of Mississippi.

Bush was an honor graduate and basketball standout at Bartlett (Tenn.) High School. He continued his athletic career at Northwest Community College.

He graduated cum laude from Memphis in 1999 with a bachelor's in physical education and received his master's in sports marketing in 2001.

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Warriors announce starting lineup

East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has announced probable starters for the Warriors' season-opening contest scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6 at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

The game is a non-division game for the Warriors.

Starters include the following on offense and defense.

Offensive starters

Quarterback, Brian Zbydniewski; tailback, Patrick Prince or Ramon Williams; fullback, Terrance DeGraffenried or Chadrick Warren, center, Rudy Su'e; strong guard, Cedric McAffee; strong tackle, Jerry Spencer; tight end, Fredrick Knighten or Brian Lillis; quick guard, Demarcus Granger; quick tackle, Kenneth Hurt; wide receiver, Dontay Spillman, Jarvis Lymon or Marcus Lee; kicker, Danny Haynes and punter, Kevin Stephens.

Defensive starters

Nose guard, Arrion Triplett or Michael Wells; ends, John Gusman, Courtney Steele or Johnny Jackson; lineback Keith Curry, Howard Jack Scott Central, Melvin Cot Teon Wilson, John Bibb Kendrick Love; strong saf Cedric Cotton; free saf Chris Hooper or Josh Char and cornerbacks Marco Co Buck Thames; or Joaqu Loper.

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All ECCC football game can be heard on WSSI-F (98.3) in Carthage featurin veteran broadcaster Mi Goodwin.

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WEEK OF Sep 10

ECCC loses opener

A late touchdown by sophomore quarterback Kiki Womack gave Mississippi Delta a 14-7 win over East Central Thursday night at Moorhead in the season opener for both teams.

Although obviously disappointed with the loss, Warrior head football coach Terry Underwood said he was pleased with the team's effort.

"Our guys played a hard-fought football game; we just made too many mistakes and did not capitalize on scoring opportunities and Delta did. I told our players that one game does not make a season and that our focus now is to concentrate on beating Coahoma this Saturday," Underwood said.

The Warriors travel to Clarksdale for a 1 p.m. contest with Coahoma, who took a 48-0 beating at Pearl River last week, allowing six touchdown passes in the first half. The new head coach at Coahoma is former Warrior assistant and USM defensive standout Freeman Horton.

Womack provided the Trojans with the winning margin when he tallied from three yards out with 1:38 remaining, capping a nine-play, 71-yard drive that erased a 7-6 EC lead.

EC scored first when Brian Zbydniewski found the end zone on a 2-yard scamper with 14:51 left before halftime. Danny Haynes booted the extra point.

The key play during the seven-play, 78-yard drive was a 57-yard run by running back Patrick Prince to the Delta 13.

The Trojans quickly answered as Womack slipped through the Warrior defense on a 79-yard scoring run on their first play following the EC touchdown.

EC had 144 yards rushing and 98 yards passing for a 242 total. Zbydniewski completed 12-of-28 passes for 98 yards. Prince led the Warriors with 20 rushes for 124 yards. He also had three receptions for 17 yards. Spillman had four catches for 38 yards.

Linebacker John Bibb led the EC defense with 10 tackles and two assists. He also registered two quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery.

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The Warriors took the ensuing kickoff and drove into Trojan territory, but lost possession when quarterback Brian Zbydniewski of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., was intercepted by Trojan Ceandris Brown of Greenwood.

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Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

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of Tuscaloosa, which gave the Warriors possession on the Delta 13-yard-line.

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East Central had an opportunity to pad its lead with 6:15 remaining in the contest when Warrior linebacker Stacey Lewis of Philadelphia recovered a Delta fumble on the Trojan 24-yard-line. However, the Warriors were pushed back by penalties and were unsuccessful on a 41-yard field goal attempt with just under three minutes remaining. Delta then took possession and drove for the winning score.

The Warriors had missed on two earlier scoring opportunities – one early in the first quarter when wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Ken-

tered two quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery. Defensive lineman Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa had five solo stops and two assists.

Delta had 239 total yards, with 144 coming on the ground and 121 through the air.

East Central will again be on the road this week when the Warriors take on Coahoma Community College Saturday, September 15. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. on the Clarksdale campus. Coahoma, led by first-year head coach Freeman Horton, a former ECCC assistant, fell 48-0 to Pearl River Community College last week.

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WEEK OF Sep 17 2001

ECCC opens league play with win

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The East Central Community College Warriors began South Division play Thursday night with a 29-17 win over Mississippi Gulf Coast.

ECCC jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter only to have the Bulldogs run off 17 straight points to take a 17-14 advantage with 5:09 to go in the third period.

"I told our team we got up 14-0 pretty quick and then I thought we rested a little bit," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "I'm not saying we didn't play hard or our kids didn't hustle. But we got inconsistent and we shot ourself in the foot with penalties."

The Warriors answered the Bulldogs' challenge seven plays later when Ramon Williams took an option pitch from Brian Zbydniewski and raced 48 yards to the end zone. Danny Haynes' extra point gave ECCC a 21-17 lead with 1:47 remaining in the third period and this time the Warriors wouldn't give it back.

It didn't take long for the Warriors to pad their lead as Patrick Prince got loose on a 62-yard scoring run with 12:48 to go in the game. An unintentional two-point conversion run by Dee Hornesburger gave ECCC a 29-17 lead.

The Warriors had a chance to score again after blocking a punt and recovering at the Gulf Coast 18. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Bulldogs put the ball at the 9, but Prince fumbled the ball back on the next play.

Gulf Coast recovered an ECCC lateral at the Warrior 29 and drove to the 1 in the game's final five minutes. On third down, Kevin Johnson was stuffed for a two-yard loss and on fourth down Bulldog quarterback James Nettles fumbled into the end zone where ECCC's Melvin Cotton recovered for a touchback.

The Warriors started hot, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter in jumping out to a 14-0 lead. The first came on an 8-yard toss from Zbydniewski to Dontay Spillman with 7:13 remaining in the opening period. The scoring drive was set up by a fumble recovery at the ECCC 48.

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The Warriors' second touchdown came on a 20-yard reverse by Marcus Lee with four minutes to go in the first quarter. Haynes added his second extra point.

Spillman, a sophomore wide receiver, had two big blocks on the drive. The first sprang Prince for a 46-yard run with the second getting Lee into the end zone.

Gulf Coast threatened midway through the second quarter only to have the Warriors block a 39-yard field goal try by Brett Walton.

The Bulldogs found the end zone with 18 seconds to go before intermission on a 15-yard pass from Nettles to Derick Powe. Walton's PAT made it 14-7 at the break.

"We let them get that touchdown right before halftime and get right back in it," Underwood said. "I felt like if we had done the things we should have done, we would have been up 21 or 28 to nothing in the first half because we really came out and took it to them."

Walton added a 34-yard field goal to pull the Bulldogs to within 14-10 with 10:54 left in the third quarter following a 13-yard punt by ECCC's Kevin Stephens.

Johnson then gave the Bulldogs their only lead when he broke free from a tackle at the line of scrimmage and raced 60 yards for a touchdown with 5:09 remaining in the third period.

The Warriors responded with a 64-yard scoring drive capped by Williams' 48-yard touchdown run to improve to 1-0 in the division and 2-1 overall. Gulf Coast fell to 0-1 and 1-2.

"It was a challenge and our kids came right back," Underwood said. "I'm really proud of them. The offense really moved the ball tonight and I can't say enough about our defense. We fought and scrapped and held them on the goal line. It was a good team win."

ECCC had 283 total yards with 230 coming on 39 rushes. Prince gained 148 yards on 19 carries with Williams adding 62 yards on four rushes. Zbydniewski completed 7-of-15 passes for 53 yards.

Gulf Coast had 296 total yards with 197 coming on 45 rushes. Johnson picked up 116 yards on 13 carries.

The Warriors host Holmes next Thursday.

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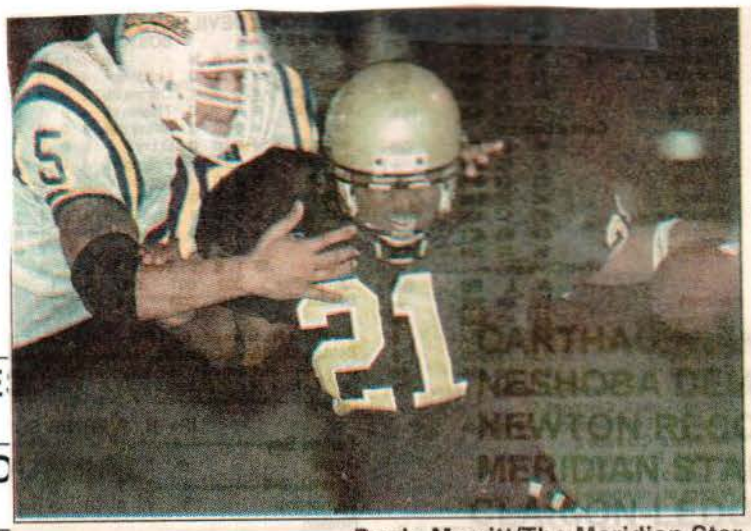

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HARD PUSH– ECCC's Patrick Prince is forced out of bounds by Gulf Coast's Jason McBeath Thursday.

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WEEK OF Sep 29

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ECCC downs Gulf Coast, 29-17

From Special Reports

East Central Community College cleared the first hurdle toward a possible South Division title Thursday night by defeating Gulf Coast 29-17 on the Decatur campus in the division opener for both squads.

The Warriors, now 2-1 overall, used its top rated rushing offense and a late goal-line stand to preserve the victory over the Bulldogs who fell to 1-2.

It was sophomore running back Patrick Prince's 63-yard touchdown scamper early in the final stanza that gave East Central its 12-point margin, followed by linebacker Melvin Cotton's recovery of a Gulf Coast fumble in the Warrior end zone with just over four minutes remaining that preserved the win. The Bulldogs had faced a first and goal situation on the Warrior five-yard-line but failed to crack the EC defense on four rushing attempts.

Prince, a product of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School, also led the Warriors in rushing with 152 yards on 17 carries, and had two receptions for 22 yards. He entered the Gulf Coast contest as the state's top rusher with a 113-yard average. East Central's rushing offense also led the juco league prior to Thursday's game, sporting a 212-yard average.

Also scoring for East Central were freshman Ramon Williams of Brookwood (Ala.) High School, whose 48-yard run late in the third period helped give EC the lead for good at 21-17; sophomore Marcus Lee of Forest who tallied on a 20-yard burst toward the end of the first quarter that extended EC's lead to 14-[illegible] receiver Dontay Spillman of [illegible] tucky, who hauled in an [illegible] from quarterback Brian [illegible] ton Beach for the Warriors' [illegible] more kicker Danny Haynes of [illegible] School connected on three [illegible] holder Dee Hornesbuger of [illegible] a two-point conversion after a [illegible] attempt.

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Warriors have point to prove

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

The East Central Community College Warriors are facing non-division foe Holmes Community College Thursday night in Decatur.

ECCC defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast 29-17 last week to improve to 2-1. Holmes knocked off Itawamba 28-17 to up its record to 1-2 after losing to Hinds (29-7) and Pearl River (42-10) in the season's first two weeks.

Just because the Bulldogs aren't in the MACJC South Division with ECCC, that doesn't mean the Warriors don't have a point to prove.

"We played our worst game of the year up there last year," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "We were coming off a double-overtime loss at Gulf Coast and were flat as a pancake and our sophomores remember that. We were down 18-0 at halftime. It was embarrassing to me, to our program, and to our sophomores that came back."

Not that Underwood expects the Bulldogs to be easy pickings by any means.

"They are a lot better team than their record shows," Underwood said. "They lost to Hinds and Pearl River, which are two of the better teams in our league. They had a lot of turnovers against Hinds and gave up a couple of cheap touchdowns.

"The bottom line is their record doesn't indicate what kind of team they have.

"It's a pivotal game. From here on out, we're both in division play and you'd like to take a win into that.

"We've got our hands full. If we're not ready to play, we could get embarrassed. We're coming off a big win at home and you're always concerned about a letdown, but I think we'll be ready to play."

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Underwood

Holmes freshman quarterback Shelton Richardson of Grenada threw four touchdown passes in the win over Itawamba. He completed 18-of-34 passes for 237 yards. At running back is former Velma Jackson standout Marvin Vaughan.

"Their quarterback throws the ball well and runs the ball well," Underwood said.

"It's sort of like playing a mirror image of ourselves when you play a Hugh Shurden-coached team. I expect a real tough, hard-nosed, competitive game."

Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. ECCC's games may be heard on WSSI-FM 98.3 in Carthage.

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McBride gained 34 of his 74 total yards during the scoring drive, which was also highlighted by a 21-yard pass from Zbydniewski to Lee, giving the Warriors possession on the Coahoma 19. Lee had three grabs for 61 yards in the game to lead all East Central receivers.

East Central's finals score came from Williams, whose second tally of the afternoon was a 12-yard run with just under a minute left in the game. The 73-yard drive took just seven plays and was highlighted by McBride's 36-yard gainer to the Tiger 31.

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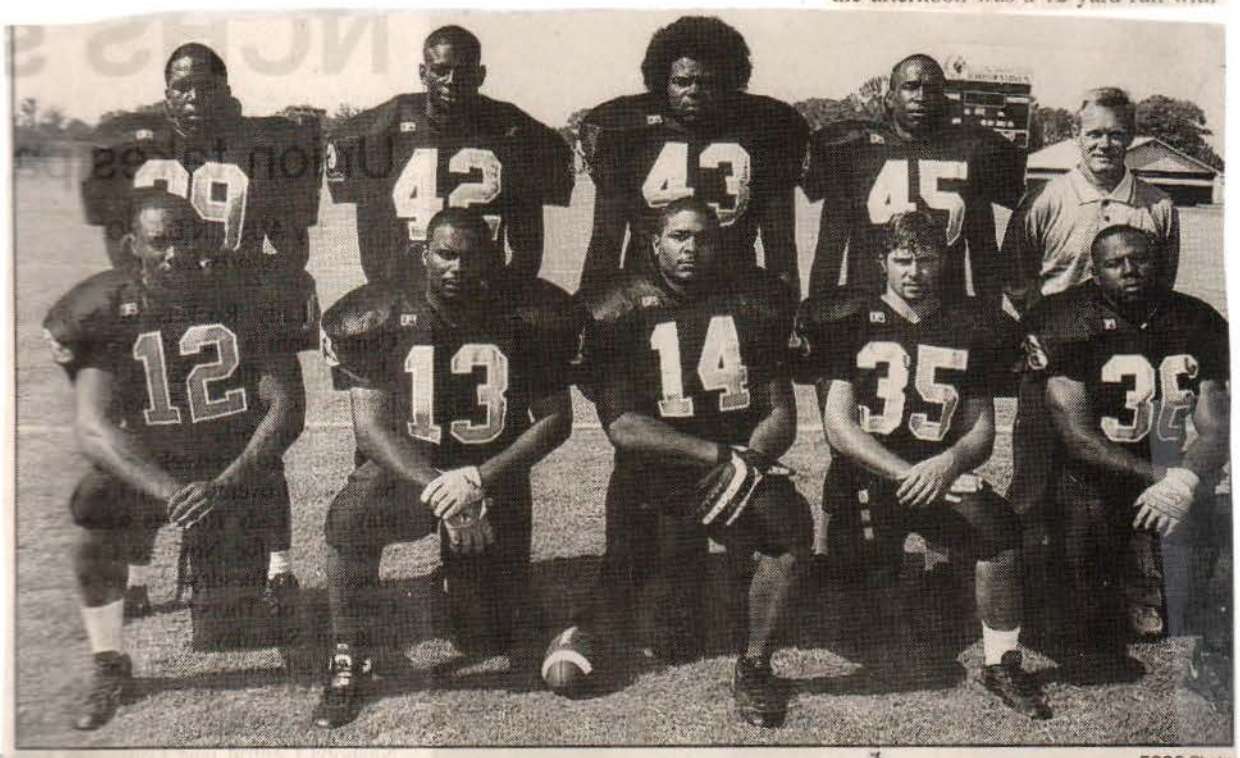

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ECCC offense rises to occasion to top Holm

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR - When the game is absolutely, positively on the line, you can count on the East Central Community College Warriors to step up and make a big play.

The Warriors jumped out to a 10-0 first half lead, saw Holmes draw even at 10-10 with 10 seconds left in the third quarter, then scored the final nine points in a 19-10 victory over the Bulldogs Thursday night.

ECCC saw a 14-0 lead over Gulf Coast evaporate last week before rallying for a 29-17 win.

"The bottom line is, whether we were happy about the way we played overall, our offense did what we had to do to win the ballgame," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said.

"They came back and tied it up and our offense sticks the ball in the end zone. As much as we may want to whine or cry about how we play sometimes, we got done what we had to get done. That's the main thing.

"We rose to the occasion. It wasn't the prettiest thing, but we're glad to have it."

The Warrior offense was nonexistent in the first quarter, finishing with minus five yards on 12 plays. Holmes had only 51 yards in the opening period as neither team found the end zone.

The Warriors opened the second quarter with a vengeance, driving 52 yards in 10 plays to take a 7-0 lead. Patrick Prince carried the ball seven times on the drive, including the final six plays. Prince, a sophomore from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School, scored on a 2-yard run with 10:16 to go before halftime. Danny Haynes kicked the extra point.

The Warriors were back in business late in the first half as Jonathan Hope picked off a Shelton Richardson pass and returned it five yards to the Holmes 15. Prince picked up nine yards on the first two downs, but was stopped for a loss of two yards on third down with Haynes booting a 25-yard field goal to give the Warriors a 10-0 lead with 2:32 left in the first half.

Haynes missed on a 43-yard field goal as the first half ended.

The Warriors had 137 total yards in the second quarter, 73 coming on 17 rushes and 64 coming through the air.

"We struggled offensively," Underwood said. "We fussed at our offense at halftime. We just didn't think we were blocking and executing, but obviously you've got to give Holmes credit. They did a good job."

Holmes ran only seven plays in the second period.

The Bulldogs went to work on the ground in the third quarter as Alex Godfrey had 12 carries for 51 yards. Richardson ran the ball six times for 21 yards and completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards.

Holmes got to within 10-7 with 4:57 remaining in the third quarter as Richardson lobbed an 8-yard touchdown pass to Reginald Haralson. Matt Jones added the PAT.

The Bulldogs pulled even at 10-10 on an 18-yard field goal by Jones with 10 seconds left in the third period. The Bulldogs had third-and-goal at the ECCC 2, but Richardson was stuffed for no gain on third down and Holmes head coach Hugh Shurden went for the tying field goal.

The Warriors reclaimed the lead with a 10-play, 75-yard drive that ate up a little over five minutes of the fourth quarter. Ramon Williams scored from two yards out with 5:49 to play. Williams set up the score with a 15-yard run to the 2. Haynes' extra point gave ECCC a 17-10 advantage.

The Warriors sealed the win with back-to-back sacks of Richardson with Keith Curry and Courtney Steele combining to drop the Holmes quarterback in the end zone for a safety with 4:51 showing.

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East Central Community College Warriors Spank Coahoma

An offense that sputtered for just seven points in the season opener finally got clicking Saturday afternoon as East Central Community Collegeís Warriors posted a 38-8 thumping of Coahoma Community College in a nondivision matchup played at John Miller Stadium in Clarksdale.

East Central, which improved to 1-1, crossed the goal line in all four quarters against the Tigers, now winless in two starts. The Tigers lost to Pearl River 48-0 to begin season action, while the Warriors dropped a 14-7 decision to host Mississippi Delta, which scored with less than two minutes remaining to claim the win after trailing 7-6 throughout most of the contest.

Any hopes Coahoma had for a rally was snuffed out in the second half, as East Central rolled to a 24-0 lead before the Tigers got their only score early in the final stanza. The Warriors answered with two quick tallies to seal the win, which obviously pleased head coach Terry Underwood.

"Overall, it was a good team win; we did some positive things offensively and defensively and in the kicking game. We should have had a larger lead at halftime, but penalties nullified a long touchdown pass, another long pass play, and a big gainer on a reverse. However, I was pleased that we scored 38 points and that the defense played as well as it did. The first win is always the toughest, and Iím very pleased that we came away from Coahoma with a victory. We still have to improve and get better, especially now that we are beginning division competition,ï Underwood said.

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East Centralís final score came from Williams, whose second tally of the afternoon was a 12-yard run with just under a minute remaining. The 73-yard drive took just seven plays and was highlighted by McBrideís 36-yard gainer to the Tiger 31. Also providing a key play was Tyrone Barrett, a 6-1, 288-pound offensive lineman from Glades (Fla.) Central who made his debut at running back by dragging several Tiger defenders on a 14-yard burst to the 17-yard-line.

Overall, East Central had 279 yards rushing and 82 yards passing for a 361 total. Zbydniewski completed six of 12 passes.

Coahoma had 67 yards rushing and 163 yards passing for a 230 total.

Sophomore linebacker Melvin Cotton of Holt (Ala.) High School led EC defenders with seven solo tackles and three assists. Sophomore defensive lineman Keith Curry of Newton County had three tackles and three assists.

After two consecutive weeks on the road, the Warriors will play before a home crowd this Thursday against South Division rival Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. The Bulldogs, 1-1, defeated Northeast 29-7 in the season opener and lost to Northwest 21-13 last week.

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East Central Community College football coaches for the 2001 campaign are head coach Terry Underwood (kneeling) and assistants (from left) Steve Cheatham (special teams/inside linebackers), Fredrick Lyons (defensive line), Tim Coats (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator), Joey Pinkston (wide receivers/tight ends), Tommy Clopton (offensive line) and Joey McLeod (athletic trainer).

Quarterbacks and running backs on the 2001 ECCC football team are (from left) quarterback Brian Zbydniewski, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; quarterback/punter Kevin Stephens, Troy, Alabama; running back Ananias McBride, Forest; and running back Patrick Prince, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; and (standing) running back Chadrick Warren, Quitman; running back Ramon Williams, Gadsden, Alabama; running back Wesley Wright, Winston academy; running back Terrance DeGruffenried, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; and Tim Coats, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator.

Offensive linemen on the 2001 East Central Community College football are (from left) Fredrick Knighten, Meridian, Leandrew McDonald of Philadelphia, Tyrone Barrett, Belle Glade, Florida; Robert Finch, Louisville, Kenneth Hurt, Tuscaloosa Co., John Williams, Forest, and Damarcus Granger, Tuscaloosa Co. (standing from left) Jerry Spencer, North Carolina; Rude Su'e, Pensacola, Florida; Marcel Binion, Tuscaloosa Central; Edwit Epting, Forest; Cedric McAfee, Philadelphia; Chad Crowe, Leake Academy; Brian Lillis, Neshoba Central; and Tommy Clopton, offensive line coach.

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ECCC Warriors Win Division Opener With Gulf Coast, 29-17

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DECATUR--East Central Community College cleared the first hurdle toward a possible South Division title Thursday night by defeating Gulf Coast 29-17 on the Decatur campus in the division opener for both squads. The Warriors, now 2-1 overall, used its top rated rushing offense and a late goal-line stand to preserve the victory over the Bulldogs who fell to 1-2.

It was sophomore running back Patrick Prince's 63-yard touchdown scamper early in the final stanza that gave East Central its 12-point margin, followed by linebacker Melvin Cotton's recovery of a Gulf Coast fumble in the Warrior end zone with just over four minutes remaining that preserved the win. The Bulldogs had faced a first and goal situation on the Warrior five-yard-line but failed to crack the EC defense on four rushing attempts.

Prince, a product of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School, also led the Warriors in rushing with 152 yards on 17 carries, and had two receptions for 22 yards. He entered the Gulf Coast contest as the state's top rusher with a 113-yard average. East Central's rushing offense also led the juco league prior to Thursday's game, sporting a 212-yard average.

Also scoring for East Central were freshman Ramon Williams of Brookwood (Ala.) High School, whose 48-yard run late in the third period helped give EC the lead for good at 21-17; sophomore Marcus Lee of Forest who tallied on a 20-yard burst toward the end of the first quarter that extended EC's lead to 14-0; and sophomore wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Kentucky, who hauled in an eight-yard scoring strike from quarterback Brian Zbydniewski of Ft. Walton Beach for the Warriors' first score. Sophomore kicker Danny Haynes of Brooks (Ala.) High School connected on three PATs and sophomore holder Dee Hornesbuger of Noxapater scored on a two-point conversion after a botched PAT attempt.

Gulf Coast scored on a 15-yard pass from quarterback James Nettles to wide receiver Derick Powe with 18 seconds left before halftime, and added two third-period scores – a 34-yard field goal by Brett Walton and a 60-yard run by Kevin Johnson, which gave the visitors their only lead at 17-14.

Defensive lineman Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County led the Warrior defense with seven solo tackles and three assists. He also caused two fumbles.

East Central will take a break from division competition by hosting Holmes Community College at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27. The Bulldogs (1-2) defeated Itawamba 28-17 last week.

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WEEK OF Oct 1

ECCC defeats Holmes, 19-10

Ramon Williams' two-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter broke a 10-10 tie and led to East Central's third straight victory – a 19-10 decision over Holmes Thursday night in Decatur.

The Warriors drove 75 yards in 10 plays for the winning score, which came with 5:49 remaining. Danny Haynes kicked the PAT.

East Central's defense accounted for the game's final points as linemen Keith Curry and Courtney Steele sacked Shelton Richardson in the end zone for a safety.

EC scored first in the game when Patrick Prince crossed the goal line from two yards out with 10:18 left before halftime. Haynes booted the PAT.

The Warriors extended their lead to 10-0 on Haynes' 25-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining until the break. The short scoring drive was set up by Warrior Jonathan Hope's interception at the Holmes 15-yard-line.

First-half action came to a close with Haynes barely missing on his 44-yard field goal attempt.

Holmes tied the contest in the third period, on Richardson's eight-yard strike to wide receiver Reginald Haralson with 4:57 remaining, followed by Matt Jones' 18-yard field goal with 10 seconds remaining. Jones also added the PAT following the score.

East Central missed a scoring opportunity early in the third stanza when Ananias McBride returned the second half kickoff 97 yards to pay dirt, only to have his effort nullified due to a penalty.

Holmes also had a score called back because of a penalty. Michael Antonini raced through the Warrior defense on a 55-yard jaunt early in the fourth quarter but offsetting penalties nixed his effort.

East Central's offensive leaders included Prince, who had 23 carries for 80 yards. Brian Zbydniewski completed 8-of-17 passes for 99 yards, Dontay Spillman had four receptions for 55 yards.

Holmes, which fell to 1-3, was led by Alex Godfrey, who had 78 yards on 21 carries. Richardson completed 11-of-27 passes for 82 yards and three interceptions.

The Warriors return to South Division play Saturday at Copiah-Lincoln Community College with a 2:30 p.m. kickoff.

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WEEK OF Oct 8

ECCC Warriors remain unbeaten in South after upsetting Co-Lin 28-14

Josh Chaney's 65-yard interception return for a touchdown with under six minutes remaining gave East Central Community College a 14-point cushion and led to a stunning 28-14 upset over previously unbeaten and nationally ranked Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday afternoon in Wesson.

With the win, East Central improves to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in South Division competition, while Co-Lin dropped to 4-1 and 1-1. The Wolves were ranked 13th in the nation prior to their Homecoming matchup with the visiting Warriors.

East Central wasted little time in taking control of the division battle, as quarterback Brian Zbydniewski connected on a 42-yard touchdown strike with wide receiver Dontay Spillman early in first quarter action. Danny Haynes of Killen, Ala., booted the first of his four PATs. The score was set up when Warrior defensive back Buck Thames of Philadelphia intercepted a pass from Co-Lin quarterback Willie Johnson, giving EC possession on the Wolves' 40-yard-line.

Zbydniewski, a product of Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., had his best day as a Warrior, completing 11 of 17 passes for 191 yards and one score. Spillman, who hails from Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky, also posted a standout performance as he hauled in four passes for 131 yards and one touchdown.

The Warriors padded their lead late in the first stanza when running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa County, Ala., scored on a two-yard plunge, capping a 55-yard march that took just five plays. The key play during the drive was Zybdniewski's 48-yard strike to wide receiver Marcus Lee of Forest, which gave the Warriors possession on the Co-Lin seven-yard line.

After a scoreless second period, the Wolves found pay dirt early in the third quarter when defender Daniel Gawronski intercepted a Zybdniewski pass and returned the pigskin 11 yards for a score. Jimbo Thornton kicked the PAT.

East Central answered the Co-Lin tally in impressive fashion by marching 85 yards in just eight plays, with Prince crossing the goal line from three yards out. Prince would finish the day with 75 yards on 19 carries. East Central had taken possession on its own 15 after defensive back Marco Cole of Neshoba Central blocked Thornton's short field goal attempt with the Wolves facing fourth and goal at the EC four-yard line.

Co-Lin did get on the scoreboard early in the fourth stanza on a nine-yard pass from quarterback Johnson to wide receiver Michael Loving, capping a 52-yard, 14-play march. Thornton added the PAT, cutting the EC lead to 21-14 with 9:42 remaining. East Central clinched the victory on Chaney's 65-yard interception and score, which came with 5:50 remaining. Chaney, a product of Newton County High School, also had two tackles and four assists. Linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa Central led Warrior defenders with 10 tackles and four assists. In addition to Chaney, others Warriors credited with interceptions were Thames (2) and defensive back Cedric Cotton of Newton County.

East Central travels to Hinds Community College Thursday night for another key division battle. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Raymond campus. The Eagles, 2-3 overall and 0-2 in division play, fell to Northwest 41-20 last week.

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WEEK OF Oct 15

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East Central takes 25-16 win at Hinds

Almost two decades of frustration came to an end Thursday night for the East Central Community College Warriors who overcame an early 10-point deficit in defeating Hinds 25-16 in Raymond.

The South Division victory snapped a 19-game losing streak to Hinds and moved the Warriors into a first-place tie with Jones for the division lead. Both teams are 3-0 and have identical 5-1 overall records. The two will battle for sole possession of the top spot Saturday when the Warriors host the Bobcats for homecoming. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

For EC head coach Terry Underwood, notching the first win over Hinds since 1981 was obviously a great accomplishment.

"We were tickled to get the victory. It was a great team win; everybody did what they had to do to get the job done. I give credit to the coaching staff, the players and especially the sophomores, who really wanted to prove we could beat Hinds," Underwood said.

Odds of beating the defending state champions looked bleak in the early going as Hinds jumped out to 10-0 lead. Quarterback John Arterberry tallied on a one-yard plunge, capping a four-play, 53-yard march on the game's first possession. Trey Crum booted the PAT.

The Eagles set up another score when linebacker Kudell Norwood intercepted Warrior quarterback Brian Zbydniewski and returned the pick to the EC 9. However, the Warrior defense stiffened, forcing Hinds to settle for Crum's 34-yard field goal and a 10-0 lead with 7:40 left in the first period.

EC got on the scoreboard late in the first stanza when Zbydniewski connected with wide receiver Dontay Spillman on a nine-yard touchdown strike. Danny Haynes booted the PAT. The short scoring drive was set up when linebacker Melvin Cotton intercepted a Hinds pass and gave EC possession on the Eagle 16.

The Warriors tied the contest at 10-10 on Haynes' 28-yard field goal with 1:51 left before halftime. A key play during the scoring march was a 48-yard pass from Zbydniewski to Spillman, giving EC possession on the Hinds 30.

EC took the lead for good in third period action when Patrick Prince burst through the Eagle defense on a 17-yard scamper to the end zone. Haynes missed the PAT. The go-ahead drive covered 63 yards and took seven plays.

The Warrior defense was credited with their next score – a safety – when Arterberry was flagged for intentional grounding in the end zone with 10:14 left in the game.

Thanks to Spillman's 50-yard return on the ensuing free kick, ECCC had excellent field position on the Hinds 35, but the Warriors were unable to capitalize as Haynes missed from 51 yards.

EC did take advantage of a fumble recovery by defensive lineman Arrion Triplett at the Hinds 32. It took just two plays for the Warriors to score, as Zbydniewski lofted a perfect 31-yard scoring strike to Spillman with 7:25 remaining. Haynes added the PAT.

Hinds quarterback Patrick Walker fired an 11-yard touchdown strike to Darius Wilson with 3:22 left. The two-point conversion failed as EC led 25-16.

EC had 358 total yards of offense. Zbydniewski completed 9-of-19 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns. Spillman was the leading receiver with six catches for 125 yards and two scores. Prince was the top ground gainer with 90 yards on 24 carries.

Hinds, which fell to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in league play, had 141 yards passing and 81 yards rushing for a 222 yard total.

Jones won 30-6 at East Mississippi in another Thursday night contest.

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WEEK OF Oct 22

Jones KO's EC's comeback, 40-36

by Marty Stamper

East Central Community College rallied from a 34-10 third quarter deficit to take a 36-34 lead before losing its homecoming game 40-36 to the 13th-ranked Bobcats Saturday afternoon at Decatur.

The win leaves Jones atop the MACJC South Division standings at 4-0. The Bobcats are 6-1 overall. EC fell to 3-1 and 5-2. The only other division team alive in the playoff race is Pearl River at 4-1 and 6-1. EC hosts Pearl River on Nov. 1.

Jones took a 34-10 lead with 5:32 remaining in the third quarter and the rout seemed on.

But the Warriors ran off 26 straight points to go up 36-34 with 3:10 to play only to have Jones get a 63-yard scoring pass play from Charles Hales to Davon Rodgers with 1:37 left for the win.

"It didn't look very good when we were down 34-10, but the kids started fighting back," EC head coach Terry Underwood said. "I give our team a lot of credit for fighting back. We actually held the lead, we just didn't hold onto it. Normally, when you're down like that, most teams just throw in the towel, but our kids didn't and I'm proud of that."

EC scored on the third play of the game when Patrick Prince ran 76 yards. Danny Haynes kicked the extra point.

Jones was back even at 7-7 with 11:15 to go in the opening period as Hales scored on a four-yard run following a 37-yard rumble by Ralph Davis. Nickolas Terracina added the extra point.

The Warriors got a 27-yard field goal from Haynes with 5:44 left in the opening period to take a 10-7 advantage. The score was set up by a fumble recovery by EC's John Bibb at the Jones 39.

Rashard Phillips scored on an 18-yard run and Hales found Alonzo Nix for a 25-yard touchdown with 30 seconds left in the first half as Jones carried a 21-10 lead into halftime.

Jones got a 22-yard scoring run from Davis and a short fumble return for a touchdown by Bobby Keyes to go up 34-10 with 5:32 left in the third quarter.

EC began an 83-yard scoring drive late in the third quarter. The Warriors scored on the first play of the fourth quarter on a six-yard toss from Brian Zbydniewski to Dee Hornesburger. Haynes' PAT pulled EC to within 34-17.

EC blocked a 47-yard field goal try by Terracina with the Warriors getting possession at the JCJC 43. Zbydniewski hit Prince on a screen pass that turned into a 29-yard score to trim Jones' lead to 34-24 with 8:39 to play.

The Warrior defense held for three plays and EC was quickly back in the end zone on a 28-yard reverse pass from Hornesburger to Dontay Spillman with 5:09 remaining. Haynes' missed the PAT, leaving EC down 34-30. And the comeback wasn't over.

Marco Cole set up EC's go-ahead score when he picked off a pass by Hales at the Jones 29. A personal foul on the Bobcats put the ball at the 14 where Prince scored on the next play. Haynes misfired again on the extra point, but the Warriors were now up 36-34 with 3:10 showing.

The celebration wouldn't last long, however, as Hales hit Rodgers on a short slant-in and the speedy receiver was 63 yards for the game winner.

Prince led EC with 153 yards on 19 carries.

Spillman had seven receptions for 87 yards.

EC returns to action Saturday at Summit against Southwest Mississippi. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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WEEK OF Oct 29

EC loses to SW; playoff berth on line Thursday

A six-point halftime lead quickly faded for the East Central Community College Warriors who committed costly turnovers in second-half action and were pounded 38-9 by Southwest Mississippi Saturday night in Summit.

Despite the loss, East Central, now 5-3 overall and 3-2 in South Division play, can still make the state playoffs by defeating visiting Pearl River (7-1, 4-1) Thursday night. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

The Jones Bobcats (7-1, 5-0) clinched the division top spot by downing Hinds 28-7 Saturday afternoon.

Southwest, 3-5 and 2-3, took a 3-0 lead over the Warriors when Brad Boyd connected on a 29-yard field goal with 2:17 left in the first period. The Bears had taken possession on the EC 13 following a Warrior fumble.

Following a 31-yard kickoff return by Cedric Cotton, the Warriors marched 44 yards in six plays and grabbed a 6-3 lead early in the second stanza on a 4-yard scamper by running back Ramon Williams. Danny Haynes was unable to attempt the extra point due to a high snap from center. A key play on the scoring drive was a 26-yard pass from quarterback Brian Zbydniewski to wide receiver Marcus Lee.

EC extended its lead late in the first half when Haynes split the uprights from 27 yards out. The short scoring drive was set up by defensive back by Buck Thames, who recovered a Southwest fumble on the Bears' 39.

The Warriors carried a 9-3 advantage into the dressing room, but it did not take long for the Bears to rally as freshman speedster Barry Crockett tallied on a 36-yard scamper early in the third quarter. Boyd added the PAT.

On the Bears' next possession, Crockett got loose on a 55-yard run. Boyd's PAT gave the Bears a 17-9 lead with 6:54 remaining in the third stanza.

A Warrior miscue about a minute later set up the next score, as Southwest defensive back Aaron Briggs scooped up an EC fumble and rambled 25 yards into the end zone. Boyd's PAT made it 24-9 after three quarters.

Fumbleitis continued for the Warriors in the final period, and helped set up a 40-yard touchdown gallop by Jason Alexander. Boyd's PAT extended the Bears' lead to 31-9.

Crockett made his third score the most spectacular as he raced past the Warrior defense on a 77-yard jaunt.

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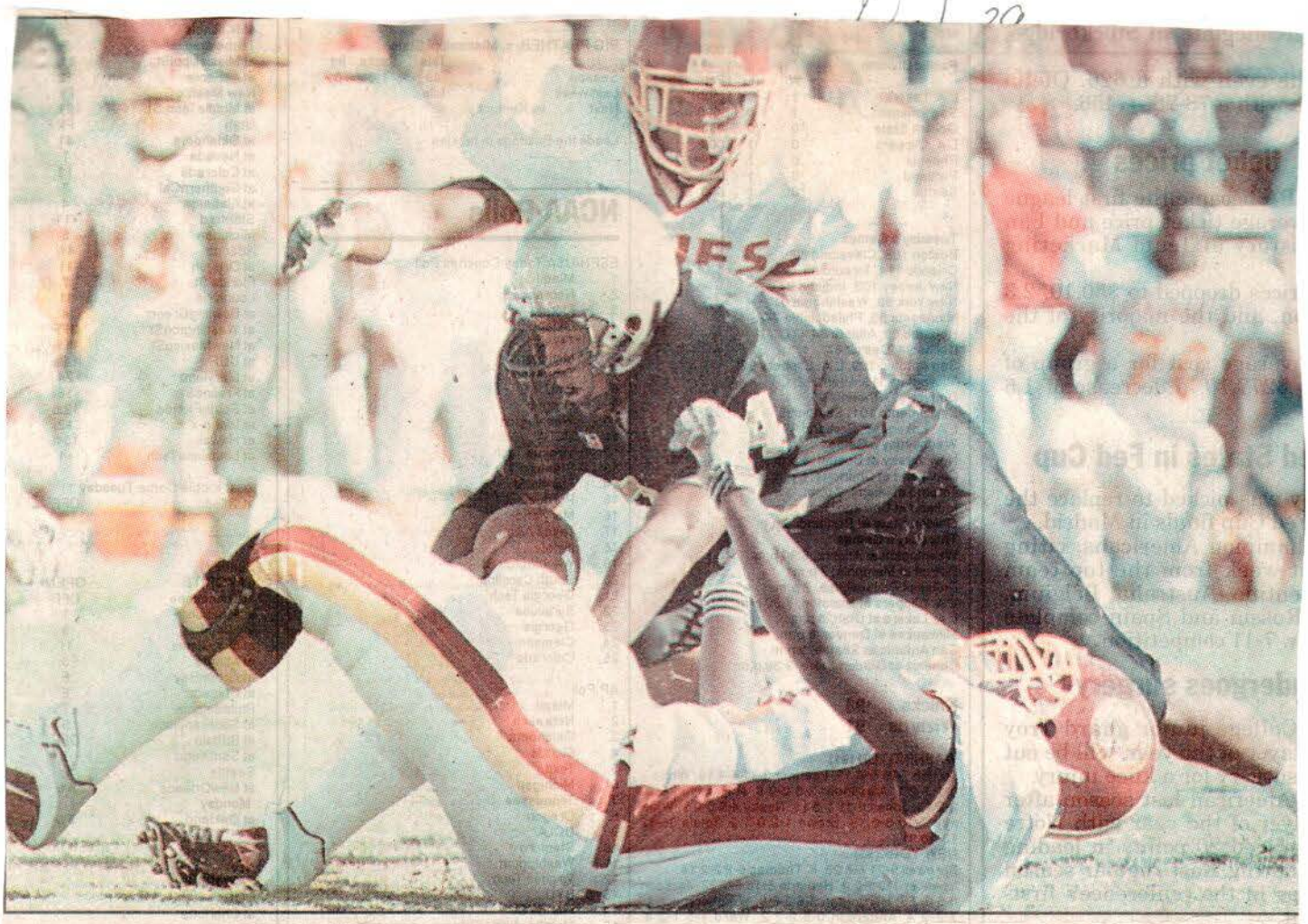

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FIGHTING HARD — East Central Community College running back Ramon Williams (34) is pulled down by a Jones County Junior College defender in last week's South Division showdown. ECCC faces Pearl River on Thursday night in a game that will decide the South's second playoff spot.

opportunity and be in this situation. There's been many years where I and East Central have been on the flip side of that, so we're proud to be in this situation.

"I think our players know what's at stake and what's on the line. I think both teams will be ready to play. It should be a good ballgame."

Pearl River is 4-1 in the South Division and 7-1 overall after last Thursday's 40-34 victory at Northeast Mississippi. The Wildcats have the state's top scoring offense, averaging 33.9 points per game.

"They run a fast-break offense," Underwood said. "Every play they look to score and they've got a lot of people to do it with. They're No. 1 passing in the league and No. 1 in total offense.

"They've got a great quarterback (Charlie Reeve) and great receivers and great

DECATUR — Just two weeks ago, the East Central Community College Warriors were in great shape to make the MACJC state football playoffs.

But after back-to-back losses to Jones and Southwest Mississippi, the Warriors now have to defeat Pearl River Thursday night or they will be left out of the post season altogether.

Kickoff in Decatur is set for 6:30 p.m.

"It's down to one game," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "The winner keeps playing and the loser packs it up for this year.

"We're glad to have this

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running backs. They just distribute the ball and put you in a lot of situations. We've got a huge challenge defensively. If you back off and try to play zone, he'll pick you apart. If you come at him, he's going to try to beat you over the top. We're going to try to mix it up and hopefully confuse him a little bit.

"If they do score, we've got to make them earn the score and not just score at will."

Prior to the Northeast game, Reeve had completed 172-of-282 passes for a state-best 2,086 yards and a state-best 20 touchdowns. Top receivers are O'Shek Weekly, Otho Graves, Ike Chekwa, and Aaron Dunklin, all of whom have at least 16 receptions and two touchdowns.

The Wildcats give up 14.9 points and 273.6 yards per

"They're not as strong defensively," Underwood said. "Hopefully, we can possess the ball some and score some points ourselves.

"Jones is the only team to beat them. Jones beat them 24-14 and in that ballgame, Jones' offense possessed the ball 80-something snaps. Possessing the ball offensively and keeping them off the field and putting points on the board are going to be the keys."

Leading the Warriors offensively are running backs Patrick Prince (107 yards per game) and Ramon Williams (41 ypg), quarterback Brian Zbydniewski (83-of-174 for 993 yards, 7 TDs), and wide receivers Dontay Spillman (33 receptions for 555 yards, 5 TDs) and Marcus Lee (22 receptions for 245 yards).

Spillman had nine catches

"It's just something we've got to eliminate," Underwood said. "Any time you turn it over more than you get turnovers, you're probably not going to win and that's been true with us with Jones and Southwest."

"We've just got to be ready to play Pearl River because it all comes down to this," Underwood said. "There's not many times in the history of our football program that we've had this opportunity. A lot of people would love to be in our position. We've got to take full advantage of that opportunity."

The Warriors' previous playoff appearances were in 1970, 1981, 1987, and 1999. The 1939 team won the state championship before the playoffs began.

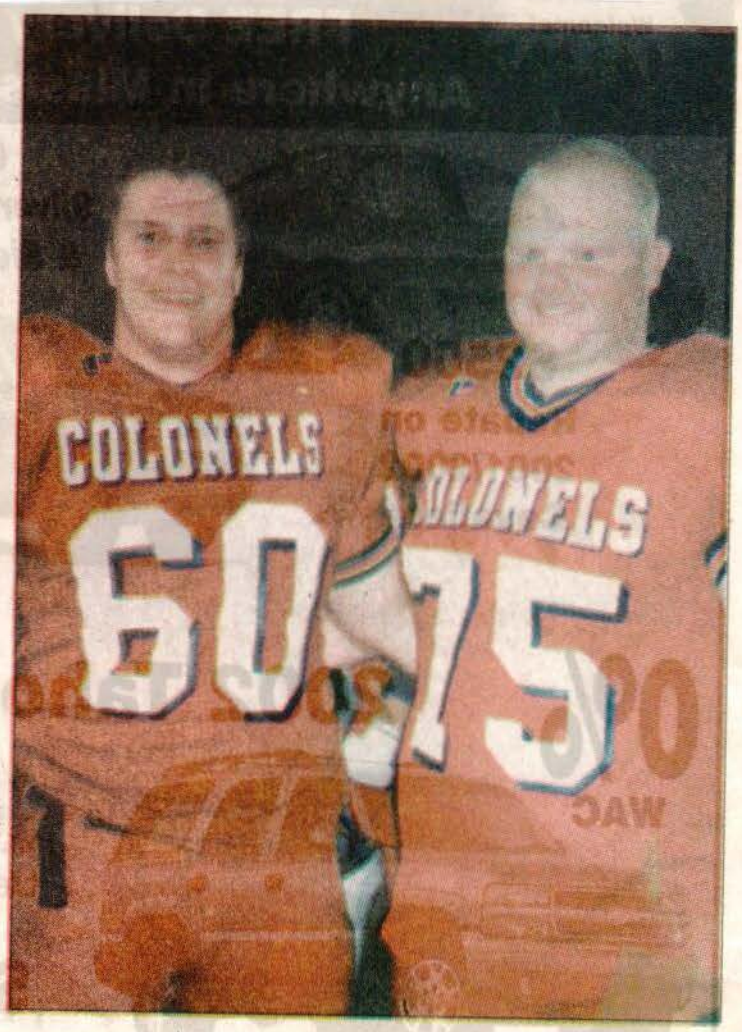
WEEK OF Nov 5

Former Warriors play for Nicholls

Two former ECCC Warriors are now playing for Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Pictured here are Jeremy Smith, left, and Randy Brunson after Nicholl's 20-16 win over Samford University. Both are offensive linemen for the Colonels at Nicholls.

Randy, a Junior General Studies major, is the son of james and betty Brunson of Sebastopol. He graduated from Sebastopol High School and ECCC before joining the Colonels this season.

Jeremy is the son of Bud and Felicia Smith of Decatur. He graduated from Newton County Academy and ECCC and is playing his second year for Nicholls. He is a Senior Finance major.



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Warriors lose in final secon

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

MOORHEAD - Jay Jones drilled a 35-yard field goal as time expired to deliver Mississippi Delta Community College a 10-7 victory over East Central Community College Saturday afternoon in the semifinals of the MACJC state playoffs at Jim Randall Stadium.

ECCC ran 76 plays to just 52 for Delta, but like in the season opener, the Trojans scored late for the win. The Warriors held an 18-6 advantage in first downs.

"We just didn't make the plays you've got to make in this kind of game," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "Our kids fought hard and I'm proud of them and our coaching staff. Our kids were prepared and they laid it on the line. It's a tough game to lose."

ECCC owned the stats, racking up 249 total yards to 118 for Delta. The Trojans didn't go over the 100-yard mark until their final possession which was set up by a fumble recovery by Anthony Harris of an option pitch by Brian Zbydniewski at the Warrior 43 with 67 seconds remaining.

The Trojans covered 25 yards on five plays to set the stage for Jones' game-winning field goal as time ran out. The big gain on the drive was an 18-yard pass from Berkedius Womack to Tavares Gideon to the ECCC 22 with 56.7 seconds left.

ECCC sophomore running back Patrick Prince single-handedly outgained the Trojans in his final game as a Warrior as he ran for 147 yards on 37 carries.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, although the Warriors began what turned out to be a 15-play, 45-yard drive that got as deep as the Delta 23 before Zbydniewski was sacked back to the 38 on third down.

The Warriors dodged a bullet after quarterback Jarvis Lymon lost a fumble at his 34 as the ECCC defense held the Trojans to only four yards. Jones came on to try a 47-yard field goal which Cedric Cotton blocked.

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WARRIOR DEFENSE SHINES IN LOSS

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MOORHEAD - Time after time, the East Central Community College defense stood its ground in Saturday's 10-7 loss to Mississippi Delta in the semifinals of the MACJC state playoffs.

Delta didn't go over the 100-yard mark in total offense until the game's final minute.

For the contest, Delta managed just over two yards per run, gaining 73 yards on 36 rushes. The Trojans fared little better in the air, completing 4-of-16 passes for 45 yards.

"I thought defensively we played pretty well," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "Our kids fought and we're proud of them. We had a good year and they have nothing to hang their heads about."

While the 2001 Warriors won't be able to proclaim themselves state champions, they will be remembered for being the fifth team in school history to make the state playoffs by beating a good Pearl River team 26-16 on Nov. 1 and for being the first group of Warriors to beat Hinds since 1981 as they thumped the Eagles 25-16 at Raymond on Oct. 11.

Other highlights were wins over Mississippi Gulf Coast (29-17), Holmes (19-10), and Copiah-Lincoln (28-14) and the 40-36 homecoming loss to Jones in which the Warriors rallied from a 34-10 deficit to take a 36-34 lead before eventually losing in the final two minutes.

Still, the 2001 Warriors will always think of what might have been if they could have just held onto the ball. One lost fumble set up the Trojans' only touchdown and another set up Jay Jones' game-winning 35-yard field goal as time ran out.

"The turnovers were the difference in the game," Underwood said. "To beat a good football team, you can't do that and you've got to give Delta credit. They've got a good football team."

Patrick Prince had a fine farewell in his final appearance as a Warrior as he ran the ball 37 times for 147 yards and ECCC's only touchdown. On the 10-play scoring drive, Prince carried the ball nine times for 66 of the drive's 67 yards. His 147 yards were 29 more than Delta's entire team managed.

"Patrick had a good day," Underwood said.

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The drive stalled at the 17 after two incompletions and Danny Haynes' 35-yard field goal attempt went wide left with 7:03 remaining in the third quarter.

"That's a chip shot field goal," Underwood said. "You're supposed to make that."

The Warriors reached the Delta 35 on their next possession, but Lymon's second down pass was intercepted by Kendrick Woodard at the Trojan 11.

The Warriors held the Trojans to start the fourth quarter and Prince led the Warriors to the tying touchdown as he carried the ball on nine of 10 plays, racking up 66 of the drive's 67 yards. Prince broke free around left end for 43 yards to the Delta 24 to start the scoring drive. He capped the drive with a 1 yard plunge with 8:55 remaining. Haynes' extra point tied the defensive battle at 7-7.

The Warrior defense held again, but Jason Hunter pinned the Warriors at their 4 with a 54-yard punt. Hunter averaged 46.3 yards on eight punts.

The Warriors moved to the Delta 41 on 13 plays only to have Zbydniewski get separated from the ball on an option toss with 1:07 left to set up Jones' game-winning kick.

ECCC's Dontay Spillman had five receptions for 46 yards.

Womack led Delta's offense with 31 yards on 16 carries.

ECCC finished 6-4, while Delta will take a 9-1 record into next Saturday's Magnolia Bowl with Jones at Moorhead.

Jones, 9-1, defeated Northwest Mississippi 24-10 on Saturday's in Ellisville in the other semifinal.

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ECCC Warriors Playoff Bound Following 26-16 Win Over Pearl River

It's on to the state playoffs for the East Central Community College Warriors who rallied for two fourth-quarter scores and kept the state's top offensive unit in check in registering a 26-16 decision over visiting Pearl River Community College Thursday night.

East Central completed regular season action at 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the South Division, while the Wildcats fell to 7-2 and were also 4-2 in league play.

The Warriors travel to North Division winner Mississippi Delta Community College on Saturday, November 10 in first-round playoff action, with kickoff set for 1:30 p.m. on the Moorhead campus. East Central began the 2001 campaign by falling 14-7 to the host Trojans who scored late to claim the non-division victory.

A 55-yard touchdown run by freshman wide receiver-turned – quarterback Jarvis Lymon early in the fourth period followed by a 14-yard scoring strike from backup quarterback Kevin Stephens of Troy, Ala., to wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisvile, Ky., with just over nine minutes remaining helped give the Warriors a 10-point cushion and their fifth playoff berth in school history.

Lymon, a former quarterback at Foley (Ala.), High School and Stephens, a first-year signal caller from Charles Henderson High School, who also punts for the Warriors, were called into action after starter Brian Zbydniewski, a sophomore from Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., injured his shoulder during second half action of the Warriors' 38-9 loss to Southwest on October 27.

Lymon and Stephens took turns successfully guiding the Warrior offense, which finished with 325 total yards, including 264 yards on the ground. The duo completed eight of 13 attempts for 61 yards with one interception, but passing the ball was obviously not the planned attack for head coach Terry Underwood.

"We just knew we couldn't throw it as much, but we challenged [illegible] was led by sophomore Patrick Prince who had 112 yards on 29 carries. Prince, a former standout at Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, is one of the state's top rushers, averaging 106.9 yards per contest. He'll begin the playoffs with 967 yards on 180 carries. Lymon was the second-leading ground-gainer against Pearl River with 72 yards on 13 carries. Ramon Williams of Brookwood (Ala.) High School added 62 yards on six attempts.

Pearl River's top-rated offense sputtered most of the night and could only manage three yards in the first quarter. Wildcat quarterback Charlie Reeve, a sophomore from Frisco, Texas, did find success through the air in the second and third periods en route to a 32 of 53 performance for 244 yards and two scores. The Wildcats had 107 yards rushing. Pearl River had averaged 473.3 yards – including 324.1 yards passing – prior to facing East Central.

East Central jumped out to 3-0 lead early in the first period when place kicker Danny Haynes of Killen, Ala., split the uprights from 45 yards out.

The Warriors extended their lead in the same period when Lyman found pay dirt on a seven-yard scamper. The PAT failed as a pass from holder Dee Horneshager of Novapate was incomplete.

Pearl River got on the scoreboard midway in the second stanza on Reeve's 10-yard strike to wide receiver Aaron Dunklin of Bay St. Louis. Matt Hoda of Foxworth added the PAT.

Hoda gave the Wildcats their first lead at 10-9 after connecting on a 23-yard field goal with 19 seconds left before halftime.

East Central regained the lead at 12-10 late in the third period on Haynes' 24-yard field goal.

Pearl River responded in the same stanza with a 20-yard scoring pass play from Reeve to wide receiver Ike Chekwa of Harvey, La. The PAT failed but the visitors held a 16-12 advantage after three periods.

The Wildcat lead quickly

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Last-Second Field Goal Eliminates Warriors From Playoffs

ECCC--A shot at the state football crown is postponed at least another season for the East Central Community College Warriors who fell 10-7 in semifinal playoff action to Mississippi Delta Community College Saturday afternoon in Moorhead.

Freshman place-kicker Jay Jones of Greenwood sent the 12th ranked Trojans to the championship game with his 35-yard field goal as time expired. Delta, 9-1, will face 10th ranked Jones County Junior College, also 9-1, in the Magnolia Bowl scheduled November 17 on the Moorhead campus. The Bobcats defeated Northwest Mississippi Community College 24-10 Saturday in Ellisville.

East Central, which finished the season with a 6-4 record, suffered four turnovers against Delta, but none was more costly than the final miscue - a fumble near midfield - that came with just over a minute remaining and gave the Trojans possession on the Warrior 44-yard line. Six plays later Jones connected on the game-winning field goal.

The Trojans, who managed just 118 total yards against a stubborn Warrior defense, took a 7-0 lead at halftime following a three-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kiki Womack of Ruleville to wide receiver Tavares Gideon of Greenwood, which came with 2:14 left before the break. Jason Hunter of Tampa, Fla., added the PAT.

East Central tied the contest midway in the fourth quarter on a one-yard plunge by running back Patrick Prince, a sophomore from Tuscaloosa, Ala. Danny Haynes of Killen, Ala., booted the PAT.

Prince, who had 147 yards on 37 carries, toted the pigskin nine times for 66 yards on the 10-play, 67-yard march. Prince, a product of Tuscaloosa County High School, finished the season with 1139 yards on 217 rushes.

Quarterback Brian Zbydniewski of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., returned to action after missing the Pearl River game due to a shoulder injury and completed eight of 15 passes for 70 yards. He had one interception.

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SOUTH WINS JC CLASSIC 16-14: The South defense sacked the North quarterback in the end zone for a third-quarter safety Saturday that proved decisive in a 16-14 South victory in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Classic at Booneville. The South increased its series lead to 14-12-2.

All the other scoring came in the second quarter with the North's **Marvin Vaughn** (Holmes) running 15 yards for a touchdown, the North's **Jimmy McCray** (Itawamba) returning an interception 18 yards for a TD, the South's **Patrick Prince** (East Central) scoring on a 1-yard run and the South's **Chris Dixon** (Hinds) scoring on a 23-yard interception return.

Delta linebacker **Roland Robertson** won the James H. "Wooky" Gray Award for the overall MVP. East Central receiver **Dontay Spillman** was South offensive MVP, Dixon South defensive MVP, Delta receiver **Tavares Gideon** North offensive MVP and Northwest lineman **Jermaine Davis** North defensive MVP.

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ECCC Flag Football champs ...

Above, the "Bushwhackers" took top honors in the recent intramural flag football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Rocky Wash, Forest Branon, Baxter, Nanih Waiya; Joe Buck Peterson and Gabe Snow, both of Louisville; and Zack Logan, Newton. Standing from left are Jeremiah Gillett, Louisville; Chase Nicholson, Newton; Corey Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; Jeremy Tune, Newton; and Sam McDill, Decatur. Below, the "Swangas" finished second in the flag football competition held at EC. Team members include (kneeling from left) Orie Hudson, Philadelphia; Geno Boone, Thomastown; Johnathan Griffin and Thomas Taylor, both of Philadelphia; and Daniel Tross, Carthage; and (standing from left) Fred Denson, Morton; Saztec Smith, Carthage; Trovel Rogers, Edinburg; D'Andre Hardin, Louisville; T.J. Dear, Thomastown; and Maurice Calhoun, Montgomery, Ala. Coach Scott Hill serves as director of the College's intramural program.

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ECCC flag football champions for 2001

"Blockburners 2001" captured the flag football championship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (seated, from left) Dishan Prior and Reggie Cistrunk, both of Louisville; Jonathan Griffin, Philadelphia; Marco Hickmon, Union; and Otha Lay, Lake; (kneeling from left) Jonathan McGee, Philadelphia; Jessie Cooper, Galilee; Mike Graham, Union; Larry Johnson, Walnut Grove; and Terance Anderson, Louisville; and (standing, from left) Brian Johnson, Galilee; Billy Woods, Carthage; Kalus Johnson, Galilee; Trellis Mason, Union; and Joey Dixon, Mendenhall. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.

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The Warriors posted a 6-3 regular season mark and were 4-2 in the South Division prior to advancing to the state playoffs where they fell 10-7 to Mississippi Delta Community College in semi-final action.

At the top of the list are All-Region 23 selections Patrick Prince, a 5-9, 197-pound running back of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; Dontay Spillman, a 6-2,195-pound wide receiver/return specialist of Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky; Jerry Spencer, a 6-4, 315-pound offensive lineman from North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, North Carolina; and Cedric Cotton, a 6-1, 220-pound defensive back from Newton County High School in Decatur. Prince, Spillman, Spencer and Cotton also join linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central on the All-State squad.

Prince was among the state's top rushers, gaining 992 yards on 180 carries, an average of 5.5 yards per carry, through the nine-game regular season. He also scored nine touchdowns. Prince added to that total in the playoffs by gaining 158 yards on 38 carries against Delta. He also scored the Warriors' only touchdown on a one-yard plunge.

Spillman was one of the state's top receivers, as he hauled in 37 catches for 595 yards and six scores. He averaged 16.1 yards per reception. In addition, Spillman returned 14 punts for 103 yards, a 7.4-yard average. In the playoff game against Delta, Spillman had four receptions for 50 yards. Spencer, who was also named the South Division's most valuable lineman, played a key role in East Central having one of the state's top rushing offenses. The Warriors averaged 211.4 rushing yards per game, second only to Delta, which averaged 214.2 yards per contest. Both teams had 18 rushing touchdowns.

Cotton had 40 tackles and 21 assists during the nine-game regular season and Bibb led EC in tackles with 44 solo stops and 21 assists. He also recovered three fumbles.

Prince, Spillman, and Spencer were also named to the South All-Star squad with teammates Brian Zbydniewski, a 6-3, 190-pound quarterback from Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, and defensive lineman Keith Curry, a 6-3, 225-pound product of Newton County High School.

Zbydniewski, who was also named second team All-State, completed 83 of 174 passes for 993 yards and seven touchdowns during the regular season. He completed eight of 14 passes for 70 yards in the playoff game.

Curry was also selected second team All-State. He was credited with 40 tackles and 15 assists during the regular season. He also registered five quarterback sacks and caused two fumbles.

Also named second team All-State are Kenneth Hurt, a 6'5, 310-pound offensive lineman from Tuscaloosa County, and Melvin Cotton, a 6-foot, 225-pound linebacker from Holt (Ala.) High School.

Warriors named honorable mention All-State include offensive linemen Cedric McAfee (6-3, 320) of Philadelphia, Rudy Su'e (6-1, 291) of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla., Damarcus Granger (6-3, 274) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, Robert Finch (6-1, 271) of Louisville and Chad Crowe (6-5, 285) of Leake Academy; tight ends Fredrick Knighten (6-1, 245) of Meridian and Brian Lillis (6-3, 230) of Neshoba Central; running backs Ramon Williams (5-11, 222) of Daphne, Ala., Chad Warren (5-10, 225) of Quitman and Terrance DeGraffenried (5-10, 235) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; wide receivers Marcus Lee (5-9, 175) of Forest and Dee Hornesburger (5-10, 160) of Noxapater; linebackers Melvin Cotton (6', 225) of Holt, Ala., John Hope (6-2, 195) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County and Stacy Lewis (6', 246) of Neshoba Central; defensive linemen Arrion Triplett (6-1, 246) of Louisville, Michael Wells (6-3, 302) of Forest, Jon Gusman (6-4, 250) of Newton County, Johnny Jackson (6-7, 256) of Aliceville, Ala. and Howard Jackson (5-11, 220) of Scott Central; defensive backs Marco Cole (6', 170) of Neshoba Central, Darrius Thames (5-11, 172) of Philadelphia, Josh Chaney (5-10, 185) of Newton County and Chris Hooper (6-4, 220) of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Georgia; and kicker Danny Haynes (5-10, 212) of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.

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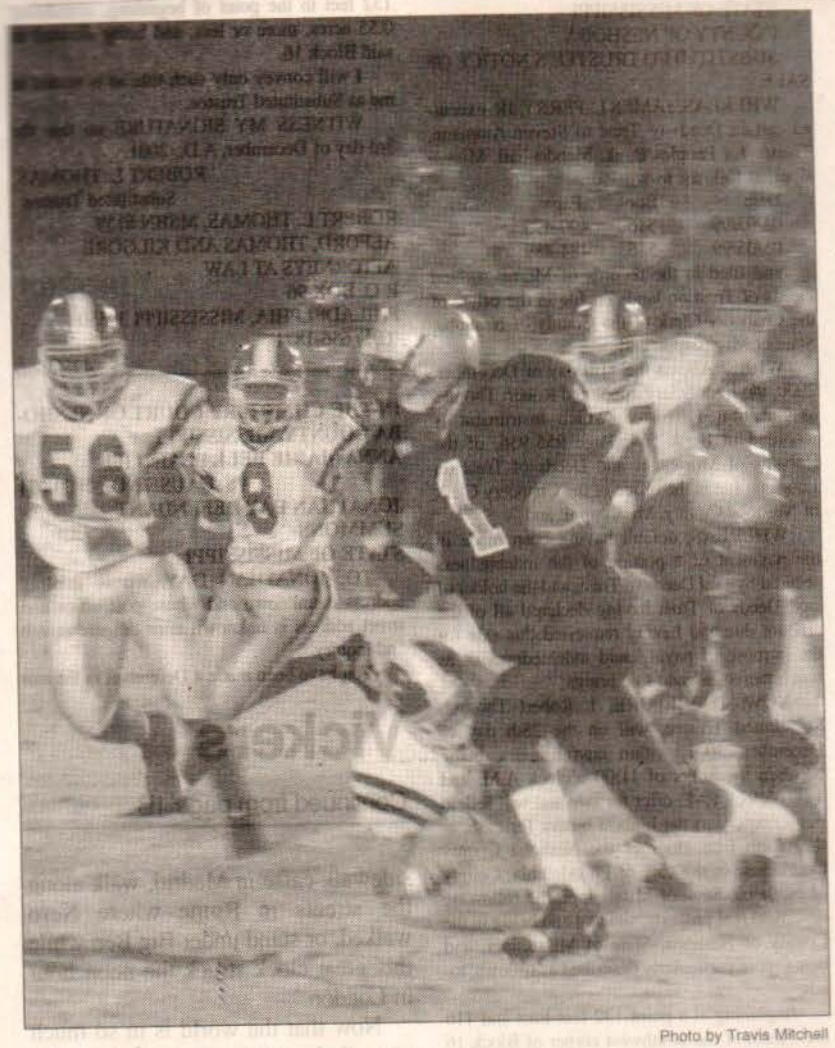
Four Warriors named All-Region, All-State



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East Central Community College wide receiver-return specialist Dontay Spillman (1) breaks away from Pearl River defenders. Spillman was one of four ECCC All-Region and All-State selections.

JUCO FOOTBALL

Three-time members of the East Central Community College football team received honors following the 2001 campaign, announced head coach Terry Underwood.

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It was the fifth trip to the playoffs in school history.

Underwood

Former Philadelphia High School head football coach Steve Cheatham coaches linebackers and special teams for the Warriors, who have a number of Neshoba County players.

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Both teams had 18 rushing touchdowns.

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Prince, Spillman, and Spencer were also named to the South All-Star squad with teammates Brian Zbydniewski (6-3, 190) a quarterback from Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and defensive lineman Keith Curry (6-3, 225), a product of Newton County High School.

Zbydniewski, who was also named second team All-State, completed 83 of 174 passes for 993 yards and seven touchdowns during the regular season.

He completed eight of 14 passes for 70 yards in the playoff game.

Curry was also selected second team All-State.

He was credited with 40 tackles and 15 assists during the regular season.

He also registered five quarterback sacks and caused two fumbles.

Also named second team All-State are Kenneth Hurt (6-5, 310), an offensive lineman from Tuscaloosa County, and Melvin Cotton, (6-0, 225) a linebacker from Holt (Ala.) High School.

Warriors named honorable mention All-State include offensive linemen Cedric McAfee (6-3, 320) of Philadelphia, Rudy Su'e (6-1, 291) of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla., Damarcus Granger (6-3, 274) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, Robert Finch (6-1, 271) of Louisville and Chad Crowe (6-5, 285) of Leake Academy; tight ends Fredrick Knighten (6-1, 245) of Meridian and Brian Lillis (6-3, 230) of Neshoba Central; running backs Ramon Williams (5-11, 222) of Daphne, Ala., Chad Warren (5-10, 225) of Quitman and Terrance DeGraffenried (5-10, 235) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central.

Wide receivers Marcus Lee (5-9, 175) of Forest and Dee Hornesburger (5-10, 160) of Noxapater; linebackers Melvin Cotton (6-0, 225) of Holt, Ala., John Hope (6-2, 195) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County and Stacy Lewis (6-0, 246) of Neshoba Central; defensive linemen Arrion Triplett (6-1, 246) of Louisville, Michael Wells (6-3, 302) of Forest, Jon Gusman (6-4, 250) of Newton County, Johnny Jackson (6-7, 256) of Aliceville, Ala. and Howard Jackson (5-11, 220) of Scott Central.

Defensive backs Marco Cole (6-0, 170) of Neshoba Central, Darrius Thames (5-11, 172) of Philadelphia, Josh Chaney (5-10, 185) of Newton County and Chris Hooper (6-4, 220) of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Georgia; and kicker Danny Haynes (5-10, 212) of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.

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ECCC FLAG FOOTBALL RUNNERS UP - Decatur Taters won runner-up honors in the flag football championship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (kneeling from left) Matt Harris, Jeremy Stevens, Ty Anderson and Steve Pearson, all of Decatur; and standing from left - Kris Amis, Decatur; Dustin McGee of Hickory; Kirk Johnston and Steven Dellaria, both of Decatur Ryan Strait and Skip Stamper, both of Hickory. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director for the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 14, 2001

Coach Honored

East Central Community College golf coach Joe Clark, seated, was named MACJC Golf Coach of the Year for 2001. Also pictured are ECCC golf team members Steven Dellaria of Newton County, Matt Snow of Louisville, Joe Brock Faulkner of Leake Academy and Jeremy Stevens of Newton County. Not pictured are Michael Johnson of Union and Ben Bourland of Louisville.

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WEEK OF 3/26/01

Johnson leads ECCC golfers in pair of tournaments

East Central Community College's golf team is off to a successful start for the 2001 campaign, having finished second in the Hancock Invitational at Picayune and placing third in the Bank of Wiggins Invitational in Wiggins.

The Warrior linksters, who compete in Division III, carded a 347 at Picayune on Wednesday, 29 stokes behind Copiah-Lincoln's 318 total.

Individual scorers for ECCC included Michael Johnson, 82, of Union; Louisville products Ben Bourland and Matt Snow, who each shot 88; Jeremy Stevens, 89, of Newton County; and Joe Brock Faulkner, 90, of Leake Academy.

Other Division III participants were Jones, 349, Northwest, 355, and Southwest, 430.

ECCC recorded a 375 at Wiggins on Thursday, behind Southwest (372) and Co-Lin (343). Also participating were Northwest (376) and Jones (378).

Johnson led EC with an 83, followed by Bourland's 91. Snow carded a 100 with Newton County products Steven Dellaria coming in at 101 and Josh Burton at 116.

Only the top four scores are counted for each match.

Remaining tournaments in 2001 are scheduled at Northwood Country Club in Meridian, March 27; Big Oaks in Tupelo, April 3; Wolf Hollow in Wesson, April 10; and Eagle Ridge in Raymond, April 11.

State and Region 23 tournaments are set for April 24-25 at the Pine Belt course in Laurel.

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WEEK OF 3/26/01

ECCC Golfers off to successful start

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WEEK OF 4-02-01

ECCC Golfers place second in MCC Tourney

East Central Community College golfers won runner-up honors in their respective division at the Meridian Community College Spring Invitational held March 27 at Northwood Country Club in Meridian.

The Warrior linksters, who compete in Division III, carded a 340 total, nine strokes behind tournament winner Copiah-Lincoln's 331 score.

Scorers for East Central included Michael Johnson, 83, and Jeremy Stevens, 85, both of Newton County High School; Ben Bourland, 88, of Louisville; Joe Faulkner, 86, of Leake Academy; and Matt Snow, 94, of Louisville. Johnson was also named on the All-Tournament Team.

Also competing in Division III were Northwest, 342; Jones, 345; and Southwest, 356.

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WEEK OF 4-9-01

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WEEK OF May 7, 2001

ECCC Golf Team Places 3rd In Region/State Tourney

A third-place finish in the Region 23/MACJC Division III Golf Tournament capped a successful season for the East Central Community College golf team.

Freshman Jeremy Stevens, a product of Newton County High School, led the Warrior linksters in the two-day competition at Pinebelt National Golf Course in Laurel by carding a 162 total (84-78). Stevens was also named on the All-Region 23 Team and will compete in the NJCAA Division III Golf Tournament scheduled this summer in New York.

Other members of the ECCC team and their respective scores included Ben Bourland of Louisville, 166 (82-84); Michael Johnson of Union, 86-90 (176); and Steven Dellaria of Newton County High School, 183 (89-94).

During the 2001 campaign, the East Central golfers won runner-up honors on three occasions and placed third in three other tournaments. The Warriors recorded one fourth-place finish. Johnson was named on All-Tournament Teams following competition at Picayune, Wiggins and Meridian, and Bourland was selected All-Tourney at Sardis.

Retiring ECCC golf coach Joe Clark was named MACJC Golf Coach of the Year and was presented a plaque of appreciation for 30 years service in leading the Warrior golf program.

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WEEK OF May 21, 2001

COACH 'JOE' HONORED – Retiring East Central Community College golf coach Joe Clark displays a plaque he received from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Golf Association in recognition of his 30 years service in leading the Warrior golf program. Coach "Joe" was also named MACJC Golf Coach of the Year after successfully leading the ECCC golfers during the 2001 campaign. The Warrior linksters placed third in the Region 23 MACJC Division III Golf Tournament held at the Pinebelt National Golf Course in Laurel and finished second or third in six tournaments held during season competition. Freshman Jeremy Stevens of Newton County High School was named All-Region 23 and will compete in the NJCAA Division III Golf Tournament this summer in New York.

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WEEK OF May 21, 2001

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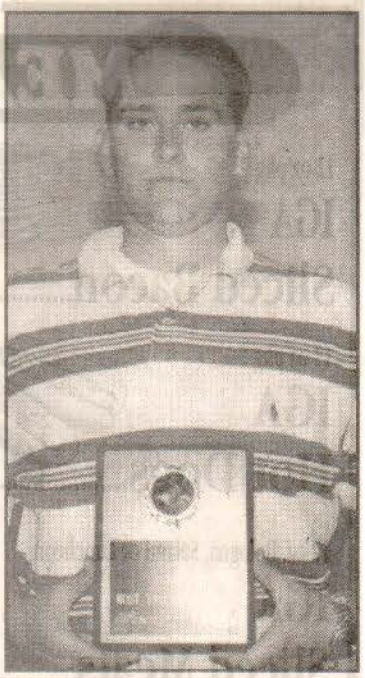

MVP AWARD-WINNER - East Central Community College golfer Jeremy Stevens of Decatur was named most valuable player following the 2001 campaign. Stevens was also selected on the All-Region 23 team and will participate inteh NJCAA Division III Golf Tournament in New York during June. He is a former standout at Newton County High School.

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WEEK OF 6/11/01

ECCC's Jeremy Stevens tied for 37th place in the NJCAA Division III national tournament.

Stevens ties for 37th in NY

by Marty Stamper

East Central Community College freshman Jeremy Stevens of Decatur tied for 37th place in the NJCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship last week in New York.

Stevens opened play at Chautauqua Golf Course in Chautauqua, N.Y., with an 81 on June 5. He shot an 80 on Wednesday, a 77 on Thursday, and a 78 on Friday to finish the 72-hole event with a 28-over par 316 to tie for 37th place.

Medalist honors for the tournament went to Joe Saver of Central Lakes College as he shot a 3-over par 291 for the tournament.

Mississippi's lowest score in the tournament was a 307 by Copiah-Lincoln's John Carlton.

Adam Napier of Jones turned in a 344.

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WEEK OF 1/8/01

ECCC sweeps ICC, loses to Co-Lin

Basketball season resumed a successful note following e Christmas holiday break r the East Central ommunity College women nd men who claimed victories er visiting Itawamba ommunity College Thursday ight in the Brackeen-Wood m on the Decatur campus.

Nicole Cox pumped in 18 points and Anna Udicova added 17 in leading the Lady Warriors to a 71-56 decision.

Other scorers for East Central, which improved to 10-2 under Sammy Pace, were Nikki Lacour, 11, and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, five.

Keela Ball of Pontotoc led Itawamba (7-7) with 19 points.

EC held a 37-23 advantage at halftime.

In men's action, Coach Jay Bowen's Warriors registered a 75-66 win over the visiting Indians, led by former EC coach Marty Cooper.

East Central, which improved to 8-5, was led in scoring by Joe Copeland, who tallied 18 points.

Additional point makers were James Denson, of Choctaw Central, 13; Winfred Craig and Markeith Brown, 11 each; and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, five.

Charles Slaughter of Cuthbert, GA led Itawamba (11-3) with 16 points.

The Warriors led 34-32 at halftime.

Co-Lin stuns East Cent.

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College women proved why they are ranked among the juco elite by outscoring East Central's Lady Warriors 81-58 Monday night in Decatur.

Following their South Division win, the Lady Wolves, ranked sixth in the latest NJCAA poll, improved to 13-0 overall and 2-0 in division play, while East Central, a previous top 25 squad, dropped to 10-3 and 1-1.

LaShonda Ford led Lady Warrior scorers with 18 points. Also scoring were Udicova, 10, and Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, three.

Tiffany Dales led Co-Lin with 26 points.

The Lady Wolves held a 35-23 advantage at halftime.

In the men's game, Co-Lin improved to 10-2 and 1-1 by registering a 71-61 win over the Warriors, who fell to 8-6 and 0-2.

Warrior point makers were Denson, 14; and Craig and Matthew Roebuck, 11 each.

Brannon Barfield led Co-Lin with 15 points.

The Wolves led 35-32 at the break.

East Central teams travel to Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit this Thursday and will host Jones County Junior College on Tuesday, January 16. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. for the women's game and 7:45 p.m. in men's action.

ECCC soccer honors

These members of East Central's soccer team received honorable mention All-State honors following the 2000 campaign. Seated from left are Joe Savell and Michael Craig; standing, Chad Woodall of Carthage, Tim Stewart of Walnut Grove and Bobby Gibson. Gardito Ruiz, not pictured, was selected first team All-State.

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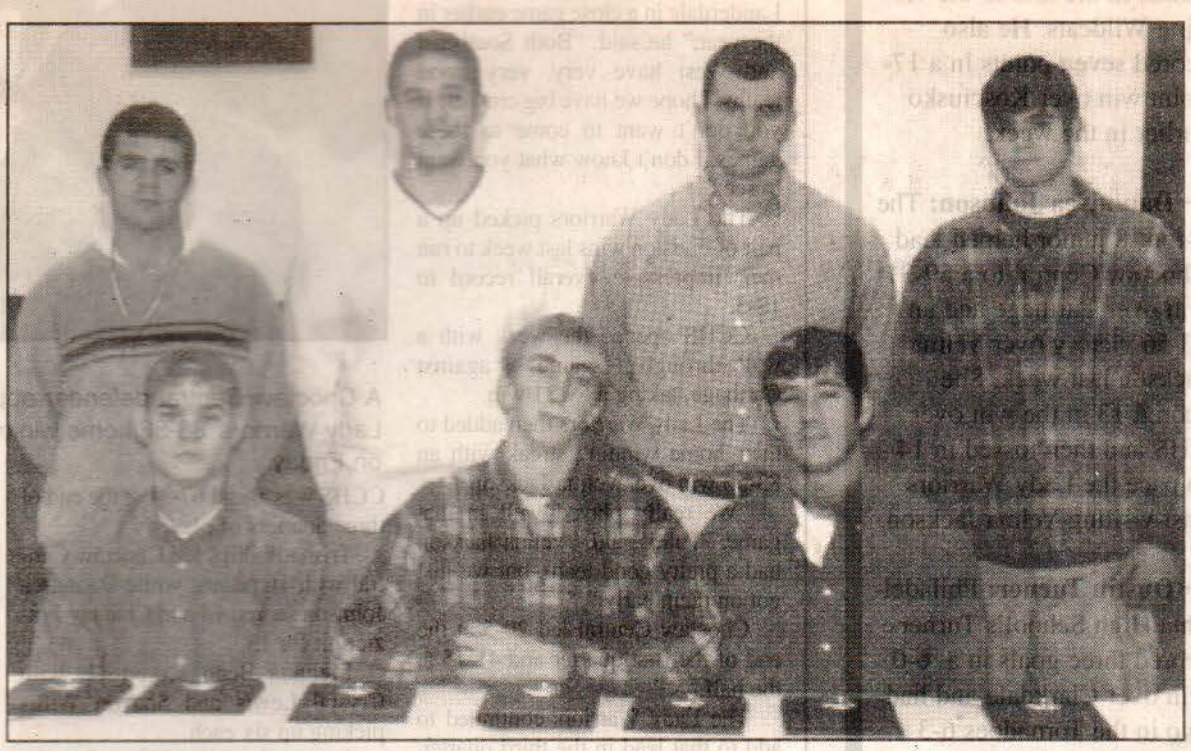
ECCC Soccer Awards



Above are recipients of team honors presented at the 2000 Soccer Awards Banquet at East Central Community College. Award winners and their respective high schools include, seated from left, forward Michael Craig of Morton, team captain and best offensive player (six goals; two assists); midfielder Braden Land of Corinth, Warrior Award; and keeper Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central, most improved. Standing from left are defender Bobby Gibson of Clarkdale, best defensive player; defender/midfielder Dwight Brannon of Newton County, Warrior Scholar Athlete Award; defender Tim Stewart of Sebastopol, hustle award; and midfielder Gardito Ruiz of Warren Central, most valuable player (seven goals; three assists). The soccer team finished with a 4-15 overall record and a 4-11 mark in MACJC competition. East Central was 3-7 in the South Division for a fourth-place finish.

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WEEK OF May 7, 2001

East Central signs LA's May for soccer

Several area athletes have signed national letters of intent to play soccer at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Coach Kenneth Thompson.

Recent signees include Jonathan Crowe and Cory McCoy, both of Philadelphia; Curtis Uihlein of Pelahatchie; Caleb May of Leake Academy; and Corey Kemp of Corinth.

Crowe is a 5-11, 170-pound keeper/defender who was a four-year letterman at Philadelphia High School. He was also named All-District.

McCoy, a 6-1, 170-pound defender, was a three-year letterman at PHS. He was also selected on the All-District squad.

Uihlein is a 5-9, 200-pound keeper/defender and former standout at Pelahatchie High School.

May is a 5-11, 160-pound defender and former standout at Leake Academy.

Kemp, a 6-3, 240-pound keeper, was a two-year letterman at Corinth High School. He was also named honorable mention All-State.

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Photo by Travis Mitchell

Philadelphia High soccer star Cory McCoy (seated) signed to continue his soccer career at East Central Community College. Also pictured are, from left, his mother, Debby McCoy; PHS soccer coach Tom Turner; and ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson.

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Photo by Mitch Lucas

Philadelphia High School soccer star Jonathan Crowe (center) signed to continue his career at East Central Community College. Also pictured, are, from left, Ken Peden ; PHS soccer coach Tom Turner; ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson; and Crowe's mother, Paige Peden

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WEEK OF 6/18/01

Present for Kyle Miller's signing to play at East Central Community College are, seated from left, his father Coy Miller; Miller; and his mother Darla Miller. Standing are East Central Community College soccer coach Kenneth Thompson and Neshoba Central soccer coach Steve Stone.

Miller signs with ECCC

Neshoba Central High School soccer standout Kyle Miller has signed to play for East Central Community College next season.

Miller will join the third-year program coached by Kenneth Thompson.

Miller starred at several positions for NCHS head coach Steve Stone over the last two seasons. Joining Miller on next year's Warrior team are several players he is familiar with, including Cory McCoy, Jonathan Crowe and Buck Fanning of Philadelphia.

Other freshmen on the team will be Caleb May of Leake Academy, Jonathan Jackson and Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County High School, Nate Alexander and Corey Kemp of Corinth High School, Charlie Goodwin of Raleigh, Curtis Uihlein of Pelahatchie and Patrick Johnston of Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, Fla.

ECCC has been upgrading its soccer program and opened a new soccer field on the north end of campus last season.

The Warriors will open play this season at home on Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. when Gordon (Ga.) College pays a visit. East Central will then visit East Mississippi Community College at 4 p.m. on Sept. 5 before hosting Hinds at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

ECCC has a 15-game schedule, with the state tournament being set for Friday, Oct. 26-27 at a site to be announced.

South Division opponents for ECCC will be Co-Lin, Gulf Coast, Pearl River, and Jones.

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MEN'S SOCCER

East Central (0-3)

WINS (0) — None

LOSSES (3) — Gordon, 6-1; East Mississippi, 4-0; Hinds, 7-0.

REMAINING GAMES — Sept. 11, at Co-Lin, 2 p.m.; Sept. 15, Gulf Coast, 2 p.m.; Sept. 19, at Pearl River, 2 p.m.; Sept. 21, Wallace (Ala.) State 1 p.m.; Sept. 25, at Mississippi Delta, 2 p.m.; Sept. 29, Holmes, 2 p.m.; Oct. 3, at Gulf Coast, 7 p.m.; Oct. 6, at Jones, 10 a.m.; Oct. 9, Pearl River, 4 p.m.; Oct. 12, at Co-Lin, 2 p.m.; Oct. 20, Jones (HC), 10 a.m.; Oct. 23, at Itawamba, 3 p.m.; Oct. 26-27, MACJC State Tournament.

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WEEK OF Aug 27

ECCC drops opener to Gordon, 6-1

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

DECATUR — East Central Community College soccer coach Kenneth Thompson knew his team was going to be a little over matched going into Monday's home match with Gordon (Ga.) College, but his team certainly didn't play like it for the first half.

But Gordon, now 1-1 on the season, scored four second-half goals, including three in the closing minutes, to take a 6-1 win over the homestanding Warriors.

"We really played well, especially in the first half," Thompson said. "But in the second half when I was putting

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The East Central Community College soccer team opened its season at home on Mond Gordon (Ga.) College. Members of the team are: seated from left, Johnathan Shoemake Ditto, Patrick Johnston, Nate Alexander, Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, and manager M *rington of Leake Academy; kneeling from left, Gardito Ruiz, Cory McCoy of Philadelph* Land, Billy Brake, Justin Sendelweck, Jonathan Crowe of Philadelphia, and Riley Clark o phia; standing from left, coach Kenneth Thompson, Charles Goodwin, manager Dwight Corey Kemp, Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central, Wesley Rounsaville of Philadelphia, Cal Leake Academy and volunteer assistant coach Roy Pete.

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in two subs they were putting in nine. That makes a big difference."

The game was scoreless until 30 minutes were gone in the match when Gordon scored on a penalty kick. The visitors added another goal to make it 2-0 before East Central got on the scoreboard for the first time this season thanks to a nice goal off the foot of sophomore Gardito Ruiz.

Ruiz took a nice feed from midfielder Brandon Ditto inside the 18-yard box then struck the ball from the right side past the goalkeeper into the far side of the net.

"It was really a beautiful shot and a nice play from both of them," Thompson said.

"We played well, but depth was a problem," he said. "We had 17 players and they had 35 and nine of those were internationals. That really makes a big difference in junior college soccer."

Next up for ECCC is a road match against East Mississippi Community in Scooba at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

East Central's next home game is Saturday, Sept. 8 against Hinds Community College at 2 p.m.

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Among members of the 2001 soccer team at East Central Community College in Decatur are the above student athletes from Neshoba County. Kneeling from left are freshman forward/midfielder Kyle Miller and sophomore keeper Derek Dunn, both of Neshoba Central; and freshman defender Cory McCoy of Philadelphia. Standing from left are freshman midfielder/defender Jonathan Crowe, freshman forward Riley Clark, sophomore defender Wesley Rounsaville and freshman Caleb May, all of Philadelphia. May played at Leake Academy, while Crowe, Clark and Rounsaville went to Philadelphia High School.

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ECCC wins over Co-Lin

East Central Community College's soccer team began South Division competition on a successful note by posting a 6-0 win at Copiah-Lincoln on Sept. 11, followed by a 2-2 tie with visiting Gulf Coast on Saturday.

The Warriors are currently 1-0-1 in South Division play and 1-3-1 overall. ECCC is in second place in the south behind Pearl River, a team the Warriors play on the road on Wednesday.

"This is great," said ECCC Head Coach Kenneth Thompson. "I know our overall record is just 1-3-1 but we've lost to some very good teams in Gordon and Hinds."

Scoring goals in the win over Co-Lin were Gardite Ruiz, Seitor Kar-

Central and Corey Kemp combined for the shutout. ECCC led 2-0 at the half, before exploding for four goals over the last 45 minutes of the match.

The tie with Gulf Coast was significant, because the Bulldogs were the South Division winners last year.

Ruiz picked up one goal for ECCC, while the Warriors were also beneficiaries of an own goal by Gulf Coast.

WEEK OF Oct 1

MEN'S SOCCER

East Central (2-6-1)

WINS (2) — Co-Lin, 6-0; Holmes 5-2.

LOSSES (6) — Gordon, 6-1; East Mississippi, 4-0; Hinds, 7-0; Pearl River, 2-0; Wallace State, 8-0; Mississippi Delta, 2-1.

TIES (1) — Gulf Coast, 2-2

REMAINING GAMES — Oct. 3, at Gulf Coast, 7 p.m.; Oct. 6, at Jones, 10 a.m.; Oct. 9, Pearl River, 4 p.m.; Oct. 12, at Co-Lin, 2 p.m.; Oct. 20, Jones (HC), 10 a.m.; Oct. 23, at Itawamba, 3 p.m.; Oct. 26-27, MACJC State Tournament.

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WEEK OF Oct 7, 2001

East Central soccer team takes second win of year

From Special Reports

Sophomore midfielder Gardito Ruiz scored three goals and led the East Central Community College soccer team to a 5-2 win over Holmes Community College Saturday afternoon on the Decatur campus.

With the non-divison win, the Soccer Warriors improved to 2-6-1 overall. East Central is currently in third place in South Division competition with a 1-1-1 mark.

In addition to Ruiz, other scorers for East Central were Corey Kemp of Corinth and Brandon Ditto of Brandon. Ditto was also credited with two scoring assists, and midfielder Seltue Karweaye of Monrovia, Liberia in West Africa, contributed a scoring assist. Ditto now has four scoring assists on the season and Karweaye has two assists.

The Soccer Warriors resume division action this week by traveling to Gulf Coast for a 7 p.m. match on Wednesday, Oct. 3 in Perkinston, and to Jones County for a 10 a.m. contest Saturday in Ellisville. East Central hosts Pearl River at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

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WEEK OF 12-17-2001

May, Dunn and Rounsaville receive EC soccer honors

From special reports

JUCO SOCCER

Members of the East Central Community College soccer team received various honors following the 2001 campaign.

Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central won the Hustle Award, and was co-recipient of the most valuable player award and first-team All-State. Wesley Rounsaville of Philadelphia won the Warrior Scholar Athlete award.

Caleb May of Leake Academy was named most improved.

Other awards went to Brandon Ditto of Brandon, Branden Land and Nate Alexander, both of Corinth, Seltue Karweaye of Monrovia Liberia and Gardito Ruiz of Warren Central.

The Soccer Warriors completed season action by placing third in the South Division with a 4-3-1 record. Their overall mark was 6-8-1.

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

Named ECCC scholar athletes

These members of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team at East Cen Community College in Decatur achieved a 3.0 or higher grade point average the 2000 fall semester and were named to the college's Honor Roll. Pictured (front row, from left) Aimee McLaurin of Christian Life Academy in Lorena, Sam Averett of Union and Ashley Jones of Forest; and (back row, from left) Emily Ca of Union, Amy Jones of Forest and Holly Turner of South Choctaw Academy Needham, AL. Not pictured is Tori Tijerina of Newton. Mike Anderson serves coach.

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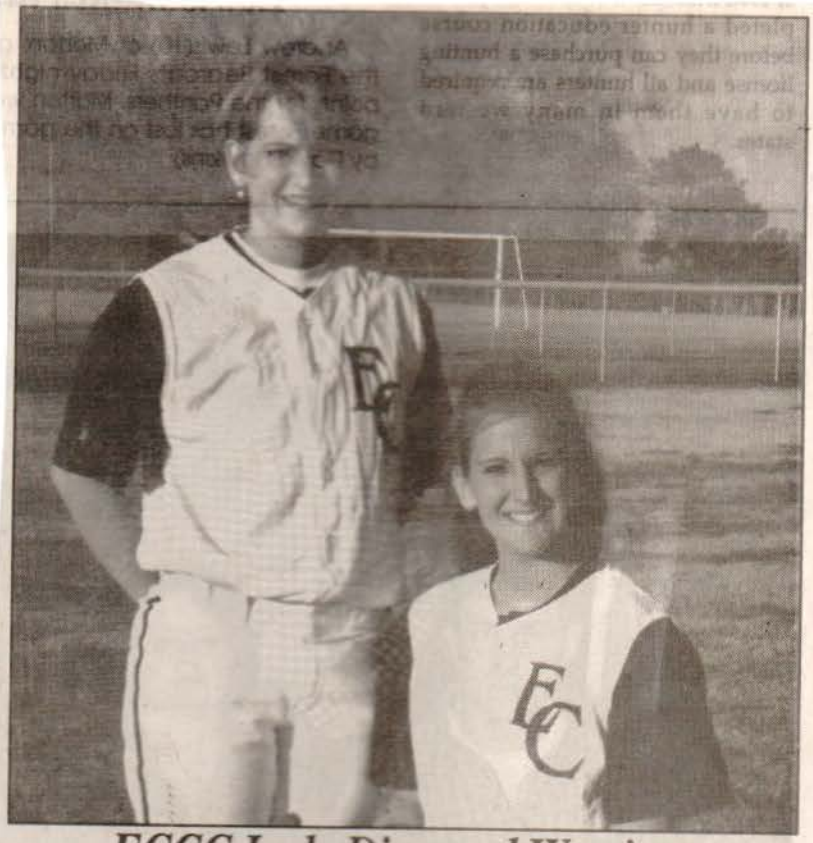

ECCC Lady Diamond Warriors

Twins Ashley(standing) and Amy Jones of Forest are members of the East Central Community College softball team for the 2001 campaign. Both are sophomore infielders and graduates of Forest High School and serve as Warrior Team captains. The Lady Diamond Warriors begin their first season of fast-pitch competition by traveling to Holmes Community College in Goodman on Tuesday, February 20. East Central will host the Lady Bulldogs on Thursday, February 22. All games are doubleheaders and start at 1 p.m. Mike Anderson serves as coach.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

ECCC ready to begin Fast-Pitch Softball Season

"We're going to have fun," predicted East Central Community College coach Mike Anderson whose Lady Warrior softball team prepares to begin its first year of fast-pitch competition.

Even though East Central, which kicks off the 2001 campaign February 20 at Holmes Community College in Goodman, has only a 12-person roster, Anderson feels confident about his team's success for several reasons. In addition to having a quality squad, Anderson, now in his ninth year in leading the Lady Diamond Warriors, is planning an off-balance approach for his opponenets.

"We'll probably hit when we should bunt; we'll probably steal when we should be still, and probably won't run when we should steal," he quipped, and added, "I'll probably get things backwards simply because it's my first year to coach it (fast-pitch)."

Players from the Scott County area include: Amy Jones and Ashley Jones of Forest, Nicole Cox of Lake, and Aimee McLaurin of Christian Life Academy in Lorena.

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

East Central to debut fast-pitch softball for 2001

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Even though this is Anderson's first year to coach fast-pitch, he began preparing for the change several years ago.

"I haven't gone into this blind; I really saw it coming about three years ago. I've attended about six different clinics and I have gotten about a dozen tapes from different coaches on the various offenses and defenses they run and their philosophies on coaching the game," Anderson said. "So, I feel prepared to coach fast-pitch but until one actually coaches or plays the game and has gotten experience, it's different. But again, our approach is that we are going to have fun while hopefully winning a lot of ball games."

With a limited roster, Anderson is hoping to avoid the injury bug that has plagued his team in recent years.

"Maybe we can go injury-free this year and if we do, along with playing very hard, we'll probably surprise ourselves and surprise some opponents on occasions, and we'll probably let ourselves down on occasions, but all that is expected in a first-year program, I suppose," he said.

Sophomores on this year's squad are infielders Amy Jones and Ashley Jones of Forest, Holly Turner of South Choctaw Academy in Butler, Ala., and outfielder Nicole Cox of Lake.

Freshmen are pitcher Emily Casey and catcher Sommer Averett, both of Union; infielders Kim McMillon of Leake Academy, Bernice Hannah of Louisville and Cristi Shackelford of Nanih Waiya; and outfielders Erica Tullos of Neshoba Central, Aimee McLaurin of Christian Life Academy in Lorena and Tori Tijerina of Newton.

Brian Bufkin of Newton County serves as student assistant.

The 2001 schedule begins February 20 at Holmes Community College in Goodman, followed by a home game with Holmes February 22.

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WEEK OF 2/26/01

ECCC LADY DIAMOND WARRIORS - These student athletes from Newton County are among freshman members of the East Central Community College softball team for the 2001 campaign. From left are outfielder Tori Tijerina of Newton, and catcher Sommer Averett and pitcher Emily Casey, both of Union. The Lady Diamond Warriors begin their first season of fast-pitch competition by traveling to Holmes Community College in Goodman on Tuesday, February 20. EC will host the Lady Bulldogs on Thursday, February 22. All games are doubleheaders and start at 1 p.m. Mike Anderson serves as coach. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 2/26/01

ECCC Lady Diamond Warrior

Aimee McLaurin of Pulaski is a member of the East Central Community College softball team for the 2001 campaign. McLaurin, a freshman outfielder, is a graduate of Christian Life Academy in Lorena. The Lady Diamond Warriors begin their first season of fast-pitch competition by traveling to Holmes Community College in Goodman on Tuesday, February 20. East Central will host the Lady Bulldogs on Thursday, February 22. All games are doubleheaders and begin at 1 p.m. Mike Anderson [illegible] as head coach.

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WEEK OF 3/12/01

ECCC SOFTBALL OUTFIELDERS - Outfielders on East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team are (from left) Tori Tijerina of Newton, Erica Tullos of Neshoba Central, Aimee McLaurin of Christian Life Academy in Lorena and Ashley Jones of Forest.

The 2001 schedule is as follows:

March 20 - Jones, away
March 24 - Gulf Coast, away
March26 - Pearl River, home
March28 - Co-Lin, away
Mar. 30-31 - NE Tournament New Albany
April 4 - SW - away
April 10 - Hinds, away
April 12 - Jones, home
April 17 -Gulf Coast, home
April 19 - MS Delta, home
April 21 - Pearl Riv., away
April 24 - Co-Lin, home
April 28 - Southwest, home
May 2 - Hinds, home
May 4-5 St. Tournament Hattiesburg

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WEEK OF 3/19/01

EC fast-pitch off to 4-2 start

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors have opened their first season of fast-pitch softball with four wins in their first six games.

EC split a doubleheader at East Mississippi on March 5 before sweeping the Lady Lions on March 6 at Decatur. EC then split two games at Mississippi Delta on March 8, losing the opener 5-0 and winning the second game 3-2 in eight innings.

"We have really done a lot of things well considering it's our first year," ECCC coach Mike Anderson said. "They've played better than I really expected them to."

The Lady Warriors launched their program with a 5-2 win over East Mississippi at Scooba. The Lady Lions took a 10-8 slugfest in the second game.

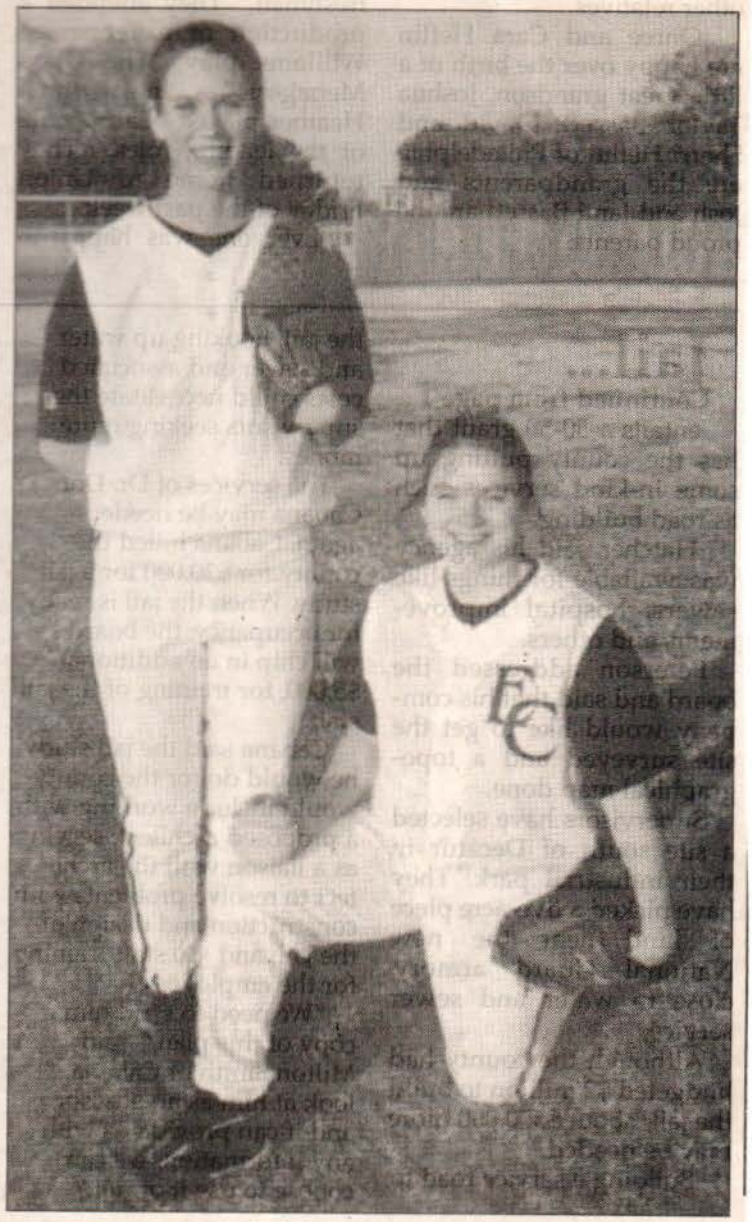
In the first game, Sommer Averett and Holly Turner both had two hits for EC.

In the second game, EC led 8-2 after 2 1/2 innings before the Lady Lions roared back.

The next day, Emily Casey pitched EC to 5-2 and 9-0 wins at Decatur.

"Emily did a really good job," Anderson said. "She only walked one batter in both games together.

"For a couple of teams like us and East Mississippi that were both playing for the first time, I thought we did well both days."



Handling the pitching and catching chores for East Central Community College this spring are Emily Casey (standing) and Sommer Averett, both of Union. The Lady Diamond Warriors are off to a 4-2 start in their first season of fast-pitch softball.

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WEEK OF 4-2-01

ECCC softball team

COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the ECCC softball team are (from left) infielders Cristi Shackelford of Nanih Waiya, Amy Jones of Forest and Kim McMillon of Leake Academy; outfielders Tori Tijerina of Newton and Erica Tullos of Neshoba Central; infielder Holly Turner of South Choctaw Academy in Butler, Al; outfielders Ashley Jones of Forest and Aimee McLaurin of Christian Life Academy in Lorena; catcher Sommer Averett of Union; student assistant Brian Bufkin of Newton County and head coach Mike Anderson. Not pictured are outfielder Nicole Cox of Lake and infielder Bernice Hannah of Louisville.

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WEEK OF May 14, 2001

Photo by Travis Mitchell

Krystal Moore, second from left, and Rhonda Munn, second from right, inked fast-pitch softball scholarships with East Central Community College last week. Also pictured are, front row left, Bonnie Moore and, front row right, Melody Munn; back row from left, PHS coach Scott Hill, Nina McClelland, Scott Munn and ECCC coach Mike Anderson. Not pictured is Gerald Moore, Krystal Moore's father. See story on 10A.

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WEEK OF May 14, 2001

Softball signees

Photo by Travis Mitchell

Jeanie Battle, left, and Morgan Price, right, signed fast-pitch softball scholarships with East Central Community College last week. Also pictured are, from left, PHS slow-pitch coach Scott Hill, Anna Battle, Mike Price and ECCC head coach Mike Anderson. See story on 10A.

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WEEK OF May 21, 2001

Leake Academy standout Paige Posey has signed to play fast-pitch for East Central Community College next season. Posey, seated at right, is pictured with ECCC head coach Mike Anderson, at left. Standing are Posey's parents, Lisa Posey and Dr. Rudy Posey.

Posey signs with ECCC

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

Leake Academy slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball standout Paige Posey has signed to play fast-pitch next season for East Central Community College.

"Paige can hit the ball," said Leake Academy softball coach Tracy Cumberland. "She made contact and only struck out seven times."

Posey was also a key cog in Leake's drive in the MPSA AA State Slow-Pitch State Championship that the Rebelettes won last week.

The slugging first baseman-third baseman, was selected to the AA All-State Fast-Pitch Tournament team and also received the school's Best Defensive Award for fast-pitch.

She was also named to *The Neshoba Democrat's* Fall All-Area Softball Team, as well as receiving the Captain Award for slow-pitch.

Leake played fast-pitch in the fall and slow-pitch in the spring.

Previous school awards earned by Posey were Most Improved, Best Offensive Player and Spirit of Softball.

ECCC Fast-Pitch Signees

Amanda Wilcher, Edinburg; Adria Cremeen and Tina Robbins, Noxapater; Paige Sullivan, Nanih Waiya; Faith Whitfield, Louisville; Rachel Smith, Grace Christina; Morgan Price, Jennie Battle, Rhonda Munn and Krystal Moore, Philadelphia; Paige Posey, Leake Academy; and April Bufkin, Newton County.

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WEEK OF 5-28-01

East Cent. adds two on gridiron, 12 in softball

Two out-of-state standouts have been added to the list of 2001 football signees at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Terry Underwood, head football coach.

Joining the Warrior squad are Kevin Stephens, a 5-11, 175-pound quarterback from Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala., and Tyrone Barrette, a 6-2, 260-pound offensive lineman from Belleglade (Fla.) High School.

Stephens passed for 1,600 yards and 16 touchdowns and was ranked in the 50 percentile in passing efficiency. He was named All County Player of the Year and was selected to the Alabama/Florida/Georgia Wire Grass Super 12. In addition, he was chosen second team All-State, was voted team captain and received the team's most valuable player award.

Regarding his new quarterback, Underwood said, "I am excited about Kevin joining our program, and feel he will have an immediate impact."

Barrette was a two-year starter at Belleglade and was named to the All-County and honorable mention All-State squads. He helped lead BHS to a 44-1 record over the last four years.

Belleglade has won the last three Class 3A state championships.

"We feel very fortunate to have signed Tyrone. He comes from one of the best high school programs in the state of Florida, as evidenced by the fact they have won three straight state titles and have lost only one game in four years. Tyrone is obviously a winner and will help us immediately on the offensive line," Underwood said.

Softball signees

Mike Anderson, fast-pitch softball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, has announced the signing of several area student athletes for the 2001-2002 term.

Signees include Amanda Wilcher, Edinburg; Adria Cremeen and Tina Robbins, both of Noxapater; Paige Sullivan, Nanih Waiya; Faith Whitfield, Louisville; Rachel Smith, Grace Christian; Morgan Price, Jennie Battle, Rhonda Munn and Krystal Moore, all of Philadelphia; Paige Posey, Leake Academy; and April Bufkin, Newton County.

East Central completed its first year of fast-pitch competition by posting a 20-20 record.

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WEEK OF 6/4/01

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL RUNNERS-UP- A team called "Meatheads" won second-place honors inthe annual intramural softball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Lucas Nowell of Nanih Waiya, Randall Sims of Louisville, Justin Wilkes of Noxapater and Patrick Warner, Scott Livingston and Matt Young, all of Louisville; and (standing, from left) Nathan Rushing of Nanih Waiya, Jonathan McMillin of Louisville, Justin Atchley of Carthage, Jay Stokes of Nanih Waiya, Ben Alexander of Duffee and Brian Rogers of Nanih Waiya. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 6/4/01

WIN ECCC SOFTBALL TITLE - "Scooters" recently claimed the intramural softball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (front row, from left) Lewis Bradford of Forest, Michael Thompson of Colllins, Ryan Crick of Louisville, and Brandon Latham and Jonathan Huff, both of Forest; and (back row, from left) Brian Lillis of Philadelphia, Curt Blackburn of Newton, Randy Brunson of Sebastopol, Buck Thames of Philadelphia, Brian Zbydniewski of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, and Clint Burkes of Forest. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1/1/01

ASNEC officers

These associate degree nursing students were recently selected officers of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC). From left are reporter Shelly Riser of Forest, president Denise Fleming of Hickory, vice president Nickie dean of Newton, treasurer Amanda Griffin of Carthage and secretary Becky Anderson of Collinsville.

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WEEK OF 1/5/01

Inducted Into ECCC Honor Society...

These Newton County students were among those recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must obtain a 3.5 or above grade point average as a full time student and must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Kristin Leigh Nicholson of Conehatta, Kristen LeAnn Harris, Ashley Carla Walters, Teri Renea Baucum, Jennifer Nichole Cuchens, Victoria Consuela Tijerina and Lindsey Nicole Bridges, all of Newton; Heather Harrison Cater of Little Rock, and Kasey Lauren Comans of Decatur; (second row, from left) Dana Nicole Milling, Timothy Joe Warren and Sommer Michelle Averett, all of Union; Jeremy Brent Stevens of Decatur, Rebecca Rose Germany, Melanie Elizabeth Spire and Emily Lin Casey, all of Union; Samantha Ann Styburski, Debby Airhart Walker and Marie Griffith, all of Hickory; and Alison Marie Miller of Newton; (third row, from left) Laura H. Williams and Tanya Clearman Burroughs, both of Decatur, Gloria Nell Vargocko of Newton, Evelyn R. Perreault of Lake, and Maxwell Tyler Anderson, Kirk T. Johnston, Hayden Corey Amis, Johnny Howard Walker and Mae Nicole Walker, all of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Thomas F. Clark, Roy Green, Jeremy Brent Stevens and Aaron Matthew Davis, all of Decatur; Jonathan Renner Jackson of Conehatta, Joshua Ryan Chaney of Little Rock, Josh Moore Thoms of Newton and Eli B. Fulton of Little Rock. Dr. Shelby Harris, Ann Burkes and Christy Ferguson serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1/8/01

ECCC'S PHI THETA KAPPA CLEANS UP HIGHWAY -Members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College recently picked up trash on a one-mile stretch of Highway 15 between Newton and Decatur. Theta Xi adopted a mile of Highway 15 through Mississippi's Adopt-A-Highway project. Members pictured are (kneeling from left) Edgar Bradford of Forest, Ernie Brown of Little Rock and Sarah Johnson of Hickory; and (standing from left) Dustin Addy of Decatur, Asylbeck Osmonov of Philadelphia, Bridget Minor of Little Rock, Wendy Williamson of Forest and Jason Myers of Philadelphia. Carol Shackelford serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1/8/01

ECCC Ac'cents.....Members of the East Central Community College Ac'cents, the college's show choir, for the 2000-2001 term include (front row, from left) Ricardo Robinson and Kelli Harris, both of Decatur; Shana Travis of Crystal Springs and Carl Wilson of Newton; and (back row, from left) Sarah Johnson and Caleb Cook, both of Hickory, Leslie Bonner of Quitman and Josh Burton of Decatur. Not pictured is David Thorne of Hickory. The Ac'cents are available for performances at local schools and civic clubs. For more information contact Tony Kinton, director, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 367. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-8-01

ECCC STUDENTS SELECTED TO WHO'S WHO - These East Central Community College students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be recognized in the 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Samantha Goss, Morton; Kelli Harris and Natalie Boggan, both of Decatur; Laney Ryals, Union; Jessica Johnson, Philadelphia; Nikki Pearson, Louisville; Emily Boggan, Decatur; and Ashley Jones, Forest; (second row, from left) Sarah Johnson, Hickory; Haley Ingram, Philadelphia; Rebecca Massengale, Chunky; Karla McMahan, Little Rock; Alicia Purvis, Morton; Karmen Jones, Walnut Grove; Carol Ann Edwards, Philadelphia; Bridget Minor, Little Rock; Denise Fleming, Hickory; Shelly Riser, Forest; and Keitha Smith, Enterprise; (third row, from left) Hal Davis, Sturgis; Scott Livingston, Louisville; Johnny Cook, Philadelphia; Wendy Huff, Morton; Dustin Addy, Decatur; Ernie Brown, Little Rock; Edgar Bradford, Forest; Ramona Corkern, Carthage; and Heather Cushman, Forest; and (back row, from left) Ben Dear, Hickory; Jason Myers, Philadelphia; Justin Reed, Louisville; Andy Murphy, Meridian; Jason Gardner, Sebastopol; Patrick Wilcher, Edinburg; Jessice Evans, Bay Springs; and Rebecca Bradshaw, Morton. Not pictured are Lisa Adcock, Andy Chambers and Frazier Wash, all of Forest; Martha Burris, Carthage; Brandi Crowell, Louisville; McKenzie Mack, Pulaski; Josh McNeil and Lucas Nowell, both of Louisville; Asylbek Osmonov, Keyla Peden, Melissa Pendergrass and Chris Webb, all of Philadelphia; Scott Popec, Louisville; Melanie Robinson, Lawrence; Anna Udicova, Presov, Slovakia; and Julie White, Little Rock. Students are selected fro the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1/15/01

EC cheerleaders place 4th in Nat'l. competition

East Central Community College's cheerleaders won fourth place honors in a national cheerleading competition held Friday in Orlando, Florida.

The ECCC squad from Decatur was one of six teams to advance to the championship round following competition that got underway Friday morning. The finals were taped by ESPN for broadcast in February.

Only 12 cheering squads from throughout the nation were selected to participate in the annual competition, which is sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA).

Squad members are LeAnn Eddins, Keri Henley, Kasey Comans, Kelly Walker, Leigh Ann Morrow, Kristin Harris, Leslie Crenshaw, Courtney Graham, Brandi Bounds, Gina Wall, Jonathan McMillin, Heath Dye, Lee Thompson, Jason Denson, Jonathan Elmore, Todd Babb, Andrew Latham and Chris Van Etten. Bryan Burnside of Carthage is the Warrior Chief mascot. Kim Mangum serves as sponsor.

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WEEK OF Jan 20

Clopton, Young Selected

Chemistry instructor Tommy Clopton of Decatur and sophomore nursing student Shancey Foreman Young of Forest have been selected East Central Community College's HEADWAE faculty member and student for the 2002-03 term.

The ECCC honorees will be recognized along with other outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private colleges and universities during activities scheduled Tuesday, February 18 in Jackson. The special program begins at 10 a.m. at the State Capitol followed by an awards luncheon, which gets underway at 11:45 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center. A booklet featuring biographical sketches and photos of each honoree will be presented at the awards luncheon.

HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence) is a program of the Mississippi Legislature, sponsored by the state's corporate community, and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year HEADWAE honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Clopton has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1999. In addition to his teaching duties, he serves as an assistant coach for the Warrior football team.

He is a member of the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association and the Mississippi Association of Coaches.

In addition, he is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

Clopton is a graduate of Wesson High School, Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received bachelor and master's degrees in chemistry education. He has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former April Hegwood of Taylorsville. They have two sons, Micah and Trace.

Young is an honor student in the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. A President's List scholar, she is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college and serves as secretary of the student nurse organization (ASNEC) at East Central.

Her career goal is to work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as a registered nurse in the adult emergency room.

She attended Forest High School and graduated from The Education Center in Jackson.

Young is the daughter of Rickey and Donna Foreman of Forest.

She is married to Norman Young and they have a son, Payten.

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WEEK OF 2/5/01

Honor society inductees

These Leake County students were among those recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must obtain a 3.5 or above grade point average as a full time student and must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Lana Rogers, Toni Renee Gill, Crystal Leigh Howell and Jessica Renee Grimes, all of Carthage; and (back row, from left) Shelby LeAnn Withers of Carthage, Patrick Ryan Wilcher of Edinburg, and Lori Nicole Cumberland, Bonnie Martina O'Bannon and Jessica Lee McMahen, all of Carthage. Dr. Shelby Harris, Ann Burkes and Christy Ferguson serve as advisors.

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WEEK OF 2/12/01

Cheerleaders receive National Recognition

The East Central Community College cheerleading squad took fourth place honors in a national cheerleading competition held January 11-14 in Orlando, Florida. The squad was one of only 12 junior colleges from throughout the nation selected by Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) to participate in the annual competition. The cheerleaders presented their fourth place trophy to college representative Joe Killens (center), interim vice president for student services, at a recent home basketball game. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Leigh Ann Morrow of Enterprise, Courtney Graham of West Lauderdale, Kasey Comans of Newton County Acadmey, Kelly Walker of Neshoba Central and Keri Henley of Heidelberg Academy; (second row from left) LeAnn Eddins of Heidelberg Academy, cheerleader sponsor Kim Mangum, Killens, Kristin Harris of Enterprise, Gina Wall and Brandi Bounds, both of West Lauderdale; and Lesli Crenshaw of Newton; and (back row, from left) Chris Van Etten of Scott Central, Jonathan McMillan of Winston Academy, Todd Babb of Pisgah, Lee Thompson of Morton, Andrew Latham of Forest and Heath Dye of Morton.

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East Central Junior College beauties and beaus – February 1988

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WEEK OF 2/19/01

VICA Contest Winners

These students participated in the District III Skills USA VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of American) Leadership and Skills Olympics competition and won top honors in the job interview category. Pictured are (from left) Jennifer Maclaurin, first place, R.H. Watkins Vocational Complex in Laurel; Tina Anderson, second place, A.P. Fatheree Vocational Technical School in Laurel; and Dustin Cumberland, third place, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center. The annual contest is held at East Central Community College in Decatur.

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WEEK OF 2/24/01

Building houses at ECCC

By Fredrick Lyons

Special to The Star

The Carpentry Program at East Central Community College in Decatur provides students with knowledge and skill in all aspects of constructing a house using a conventional plan.

Students learn how to set up and square building lines for a foundation using a laser level. They lay out, cut and install floor walls and roof frame members. They learn how to install roofing materials, which include roof sheeting (decking), felt and shingles.

When the roof is finished, students learn and take part in the exterior finish of the house. This includes setting and plumbing of doors and windows and the cutting and installing of siding and molding.

After students in the electricity program wire the house, and those in heating and air conditioning install the central heat and air unit and all the ductwork, the carpentry students will complete the interior finish work to the house. This process will cover a wide range of skills, including cabinetmaking.

Students learn more by actually building a house and are more interested because they can see a finished product. They can see how each part fits into the total structure. This makes them proud to be a part of the class.

Submitted photo

CARPENTRY — Instructor Fredrick Lyons cuts a 2x4 with a circular saw while members of his carpentry class look on. The students are, from left to right; Tracy Lindsey, Borris Hunt, Johnny Moore and Melvin Cotton.

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WEEK OF 2/26/01

ECCC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter receives various Regional Honors

Various honors and awards were presented to East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, at the organization's regional convention held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College campus in Gautier.

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Attend Leadership Conference...

Area student leaders attended a leadership conference held at East Central Community College in Decatur and sponsored by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Among topics presented at the annual workshop included "The Seven Keys of Leadership" by Ann Burkes, Theta Xi co-advisor, and a program on leadership skills by co-advisor Dr. Shelby Harris. *(EC Photo)*

Attending from left are Patrice Russell, Robin Leach and Emily Chesney.

Attending from Newton County High School were Charlene Foreman (left) and Rita Candill of Newton County High School

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ECCC CLASS FAVORITES - These students were recently selected class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (front row, from left) freshmen Lana Rogers of Leake Academy and Marie Griffith of Newton County; sophomore Sarah Johnson of Newton, freshman Miranda Faulk of Winston Academy and sophomores Nikki Pearson of Louisville, Natalie Boggan of Newton County and Ashley Jones of Forest; and (back row, from left) freshmen Marco Cole of Neshoba Central, Josh Thoms of Newton and Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central; and sophomores Asylbek Osmonov of Philadelphia, Michael Thompson of Prentriss Christian Academy in Collins, Hall Thompson of West Point and Andy Murphy of Southeast Lauderdale. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 3/5/01

Participate in ECCC Program..... East Central Community College electronic technology majors Cliff Crosby (seated, left) of Union and Greg Sanders (standing) of Forest are enrolled In the college's Work-Based Learning Program which allows students to combine classroom training in a vocational or technical area with work site experience In local businesses and industries. In addition, this program provides students a way to earn competitive wages while learning from skilled, professional mentors. Participants also receive technical credit for work site experience. Pictured with the students is Jack Chandler, Circuit Board Hand Assembly Division Manager at Peavey Electronics in Decatur. For more information contact Sylvia Bush, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 305, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222) (EC Photo)

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ECCC Fundraising Project.... These East Central Community College students who are members of the College's Environmental Club (ECEC) have been busy raising funds for the group's annual spring break stewardship field trip to the Nature Conservancy on the Gulf Coast. In addition to smashing cans for recycling as shown above, club members plan to raffle a green garbage can full of candy for St. Patrick's Day, and hold bake sales. Students on this year's trip to the Conservancy will work with a wildlife reclamation group, perform stewardship work at a peat bog, canoe the Wolf River, tour the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, feast on seafood at a beach cookout and travel to Horn Island on a boat from the Gulf Coast Research Lab. English instructor Laura Hammons is ECEC sponsor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC photo

Mr. and Miss ECCC

Justin Reed of Louisville and McKenzie Mack of Morton were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 2000-2001. The two were selected by a vote of the student body. Reed is the son of Jeff and Pam Reed of Louisville. Mack is the daughter of Leon and Annette Mack of Morton. Mr. and Miss ECCC will be featured in the 2001 edition of the college yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.

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WEEK OF 3/12/01

Receive First Chair, First Band Honors

These area band students received first chair, first band honors at the annual East Central Community College Band Clinic held February 2-3 on the Decatur campus. Pictured are: (first row, from left) Dana Dickinson of Neshoba Central, Tamra Sartin of Sebastopol, Shan Kelly and Keisha Temple, both of Newton; Kimberly Hays of Carthage, Brandy Wells of Neshoba Central, Alissa Latham of Morton and Amanda Thompson of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Anthony Barfield of Neshoba Central, Jemero Carter of Louisville, Adam Huffman of Neshoba Central, Adam McAdory of Louisville, Curtis Price of Sebastopol, Emily Mayes of Newton County and Danny Rushing of Scott Central. (EC Photo)

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2003 Mississippi All-State

STATE'S TOP SCHOLARS HONORED AT LUNCHEON

All-Mississippi Academic Team Named

Fifty-two Mississippi community and junior college students have been named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. The All-Mississippi Academic Team recognizes the scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in community, technical and junior colleges across the state of Mississippi. Fifteen students from the All-Mississippi Academic Team have been named to the First Team and each will receive a $1,000 scholarship. The All-Mississippi Academic Team will be honored on Tuesday, March 18, at the State Capitol by the Mississippi Legislature, and will be guests of honor at a luncheon held at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson. Community college graduate Governor Ronnie Musgrove is scheduled to speak at the luncheon, and Senator Terry C. Burton will serve as master of ceremonies.

"By being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team and having earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, many of these students will receive substantial scholarship offers to attend senior institutions in Mississippi and across the nation," said Rod A. Risley, Executive Director of the Jackson-based honor society. "Research suggests that these students' level of academic achievement at the senior college will equal, if not exceed, that earned while attending their community/junior colleges," added Risley.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Howell Garner, President, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, serves as program chairman.

All-Mississippi Academic Team members were selected following several rounds of judging. Judges included education and business leaders from the Metro-Jackson area and a distinguished panel of representatives from federal agencies and national education associations based in Washington, D.C. Students named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team compete for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges, sponsored by USA TODAY, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges. Twenty students named to the national All-USA First Team will be featured in the April 7 issue of USA TODAY, and each student will receive a $2,500 stipend. This year, nearly 1,500 nominations were received for the All-USA Academic Team competition. Four out of the 60 students selected to the All-USA Academic First, Second and Third teams are from the state of Mississippi.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team sponsors include: *The Clarion-Ledger*, BancorpSouth, BankPlus, BellSouth, Booneville Rotary Club, Catfish Farmers of Mississippi, Coast Electric Power Association, Delta & Pineland Company, Entergy, First National Bank of Picayune, Hancock Bank, Hederman Brothers Printing, Merchants and Marine Bank, National Awards, Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association, Rotary Club of Poplarville, Sodexho Campus Services, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, Tecumseh Products Company, Valley Innovative Management Services, Whitley Bank, and Willmut Gas.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team Programs from its Jackson-based Headquarters. The first All-State Academic Team Program was launched in 1994 in Mississippi. This year, 33 states will sponsor All-State Academic Team programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model.

Kristin Barner

College: Mississippi Delta Community College
Hometown: Greenwood
GPA: 4.0
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Business leader
Achievements: *Retrospect* Yearbook Staff Editor; Phi Theta Kappa President; Phi Beta Lambda; Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church active member; Blood donor; Delta Connection

Queen Blue

College: Coahoma Community College
Hometown: Clarksdale
GPA: 3.38
Major: Social Work
Career Goal: Social worker
Achievements: Conducted training sessions to promote good parenting skills; "No Child Left Behind" Educational Rally; Phi Theta Kappa President; AmeriCorp Education Award; Black Literary Society; Social Science Club

Courtney Lange

College: Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia Campus
Hometown: Batesville
GPA: 4.0
Major: Speech Pathology
Career Goal: Speech therapy in a school environment
Achievements: Phi Theta Kappa President; Staff Reporter for *The Ranger Rocket*; Student Executive Council Vice Chairman; ESL and grammar tutor for Tate County Literacy Council; Volunteer for Medical Mission Trip to Mexico

James Matthews

College: Itawamba Community College, Fulton Campus
Hometown: Ecru
GPA: 3.91
Major: Art Education
Career Goal: Principal/teacher/coach
Achievements: Little League baseball coach; Woodmen of the World; Cairo Baptist Church choir member; Student Art League; College Council Student Representative; Phi Theta Kappa President

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Academic Team

George Spinks

College: East Mississippi Community College, Scooba Campus
Hometown: De Kalb
GPA: 4.00
Major: English
Career Goal: Lawyer
Achievements: New Century Scholar; Executive Editor of *The Lion* yearbook; Student Government Association President; Editor-in-Chief of *Syzgy-Syzgy* literary magazine; Columnist for *The Collegian*; Kemper County United Way project

Tammy Stefanini

College: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis Campus
Hometown: Ocean Springs
GPA: 4.00
Major: English
Career Goal: College educator and writer
Achievements: Editor of campus newspap *Mississippi Sound*; Founder of Student Write Association; 2002 *Nota Bene* Author, a natio Phi Theta Kappa literary anthology; Phi Thet Kappa Chapter Reporter

Emily Cain

College: Jones County Junior College
Hometown: Taylorsville
GPA: 4.0
Major: Psychology
Career Goal: College professor
Achievements: Student Government Association President; Phi Theta Kappa Secretary; Maroon Typhoon Marching Band Color Guard; Organized community-wide "Take Pride Day"; Founder of a teen-led community service group-Helping Others Promote Excellence

Christopher Hall

College: East Central Community College
Hometown: Forest
GPA: 3.91
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Banking/Finance
Achievements: Warrior Corps; Writer for Phi Theta Kappa newsletter and school newspaper, *The Torn-Torn*; Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Service; Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising coordinator

Nimesh Patel

College: Northeast Mississippi Community College
Hometown: Corinth
GPA: 4.0
Major: Pre-Medicine
Career Goal: Medical field specializing in Cardiology
Achievements: Organized "White Christmas", resulting in 600 Christmas cards being sent to troops overseas; Rock-a-thon for Blair E. Batson Hospital; Boys and Girls Club mentor; Tutor to children learning to read and write in Gujarti and Hindi

Rebecca Rennert

College: Hinds Community College, Rankin Campus
Hometown: Brandon
GPA: 4.0
Major: Pre-dentistry
Career Goal: Dentist
Achievements: Mentor for students at Flowood Elementary's Rankin County Lunch Bunch; United Way Youth in Action Council; District Associated Student Government Chairperson; Phi Theta Kappa Administrative Vice President

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Hinds Community College, Vicksburg Campus

Kristi Armour
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville Campus

Stephen Bergin
Meridian Community College

Thomas Campbell
Itawamba Community College, Tupelo Campus

Carrie Colston
Hinds Community College, Utica Campus

Jennifer Cox
Hinds Community College, Raymond Campus

Brandon Dyer
Holmes Community College, Ridgeland Campus

Marcy Evans
Hinds Community College, Nursing Allied Health

Prentiss Franklin
Holmes Community College, Grenada Campus

Chen Fung
Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez Campus

Matthew Guidry
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston Campus

Michael Gunter
Hinds Community College, Rankin Campus

Jimmy Hall
East Central Community College

Amanda Hentz
Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia Campus

Lavonne Johnson
East Mississippi Community College, Golden Triangle Campus

Joe Johnson, III
Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead Campus

Kayed Jwainat
Hinds Community College, Nursing Allied Health

Laura Keeton
Pearl River Community College, Poplarville Campus

Melissa Marion
Itawamba Community College, Fulton Campus

Nicole McMorris
Southwest Mississippi Community College

Ashley Miller
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County Campus

Emily Morris
Itawamba Community College, Tupelo Campus

Jenetta Owen
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis Campus

Jessica Phillips
Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson Campus

Mary Power
East Mississippi Community College, Scooba Campus

Monica Ramsey
Hinds Community College, Vicksburg Campus

Shawn Robinson
East Mississippi Community College, Golden Triangle Campus

Benjamin Russell
Holmes Community College, Grenada Campus

David Sarton
Holmes Community College, Ridgeland Campus

Jennifer Shook
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Holmes Community College, Goodman Campus

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Shawn Stogsdill
Hinds Community College, Raymond Campus

Carole Stuart
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County Campus

Jeannette Taylor
Hinds Community College, ATC

Cynthia Wheat
Hinds Community College, ATC

Matthew Willis
Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez Campus

Breck Richardson
College: Holmes Community College, Goodman Campus
Hometown: Kosciusko
GPA: 4.0
Major: Pre-Med
Career Goal: Pediatrician
Achievements: Student Government Association Vice President; Holmes Ambassadors; Tennis team; Kosciusko First Baptist Church Mission Team visiting sick and elderly; Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Scholarship

David Russell
College: Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson Campus
Hometown: Monticello
GPA: 4.00
Major: Local Area Networking
Career Goal: Local Area Networking Administrator
Achievements: Phi Beta Lambda Competition participant; Phi Theta Kappa President; Project Graduation; Trailblazers; Fundraiser for "The Dr. Phyllis Lanier Cancer Walk"; Buddy Program mentor at a local elementary school

Anderson Thomas
College: Meridian Community College
Hometown: Meridian
GPA: 4.0
Major: Political Science
Career Goal: Forensic Psychiatry
Achievements: Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor; Wesley House volunteer; Ivy League Student Recruiter; Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Leadership; Cathedral Assembly of God choir member; Guardian Angel Hospice volunteer

Danielle Wheat
College: Pearl River Community College, Poplarville Campus
Hometown: Picayune
GPA: 3.75
Major: Pre-Med
Career Goal: OB/GYN
Achievements: Captain of "String of Pearls" National Champion Collegiate Dance Team; Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Leadership; Student Government Association Vice President; Raine Street Children's Mentor/Tutor

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Bethany White
College: Southwest Mississippi Community College
Hometown: Jackson
GPA: 3.67
Major: Math
Career Goal: Actuary
Achievements: Yearbook Editor; Bear Tracker student ambassador; "Pretty Nails" service at a local nursing home; Student Government Association President; Phi Theta Kappa; Church Youth Group volunteer

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WEEK OF 3/19/01

Record number inducted into ECCC Honor Society

DECATUR–East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, recently held induction ceremonies in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. A record 102 students joined the academic organization. The previous record was in 1999 when 98 students were inducted.

To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average as a full time student and have a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Ann Burkes, Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as advisors. Inductees include the following students and their hometowns.

Newton County: Hayden Corey Amis, Maxwell Tyler Anderson, Tanya Clearman Burroughs, Thomas F. Clark, Kasey Lauren Comans, Aaron Matthew Davis, Roy Green, Kirk T. Johnston, Charles Daniel Pearce, Jeremy Brent Steves, Mae Nicole Walker and Laura H. Williams, all of Decatur; Sommer Michelle Averett, Jennifer Alicia Belk, Ashley Leigh Breland, Glenda Jean Brown, Emily Lin Casey, Rebecca Rose Germany, Katy Lynn McBeath, Dana Nicole Milling, Melanie Elizabeth Spire and Timothy Joe Warren, all of Union; Teri Renea Baucum, Lindsey Nicole Bridges, Jennifer Nicole Cuchens, Kristen LeAnn Harris, Alison Marie Miller, Josh Moore Thorns, Victoria Consuela Tijerina, Gloria Nell Vargocko and Ashley Carla Walters, all of Newton; Heather Harrison Carter, Joshua Ryan Chaney and Eli B. Fulton, all of Little Rock; Marie Griffith, Samantha Ann Styburski, Debby Airhart Walker and Johnny Howard Walker, all of Hickory; and Jonathan Renner Jackson and Kristin Leigh Nicholson, both of Conehatta.

Scott County: Emma Beth Bell, Jessica Nicole Brooks, Melissa Gale Everett, Susan Marie Jones, Daniel Paul Kennedy, Allison Leigh Latham, Laura Lynn McMillan, Jennifer Lynn Robinson and Brandy Nicole Townsend, all of Forest; Leanne Michelle Earls and Penny Wilcher Easterling, both of Morton; and Rebecca Lynn Kelly, Evelyn R. Perreault, Rachel Michelle Smith and Jenne LeDona White, all of Lake.

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WEEK OF 3/19/01

Former ECCC Musician Featured in Concert

Guitarist Chas Evans of Chunky will be a featured performer during a concert scheduled Wednesday, March 28, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Evans' performance will begin at 1 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Evans is a graduate of Newton County High School and East Central Community College, where he participated in musical productions and was a member of various groups including the collegians and jazz band. While at ECCC, he was a student of Thomas W. Carson, director of bands and music instructor.

The accomplished musician is currently a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi where he has been awarded several honors, including the Elmo and Mary Glenn Guitar Scholarship and the Fine Arts Scholarship. In addition, Evans won top honors in the 1999 Guitar Solo Competition and received honorable mention recognition in the 2000 event. He was runner-up in the Pine Belt Guitar Solo Competition.

Evans will receive a bachelor's degree of music performance from USM this summer. He plans to pursue a master's degree from USM, during which time he will serve as a graduate assistant to Professor Giovanni Dechiaro, his present guitar instructor.

He is married to the former Laura Evans of Forest and they have an infant daughter, Katie Evans. He is dedicating his performance at ECCC to his wife and daughter.

The public is invited to attend his concert.

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WEEK OF 3/19/01

EC class favorites

These students were recently selected class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (front row, from left) freshman Lana Rogers of Leake Academy and Marie Griffith of Newton County; sophomore Sarah Johnson of Newton, Freshman Miranda Faulk of Winston Academy and sophomores Nikki Pearson of Louisville, Natalie Boggan of Newton County and Ashley Jones of Forest; and (back row, from left) freshmen Marco Cole of Neshoba Central, Josh Thoms of Newton and Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central; and sophomores Asylbek Osmonov of Philadelphia, Michael Thompson of Prentiss Christian Academy in Collins, Hal Thompson of West Point and Andy Murphy of Southeast Lauderdale.

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WEEK OF 3-31-21

ECCC VICA Officers

Serving as VICA -Vocational Industrial Clubs of America- officers at East Central Community College in Decatur are, seated from left, Amanda Federline, secretary, and David Walters, reporter, both of Philadelphia; Matthew Smith, vice president, of Morton; and standing from left, Matt Brown, president, and Allen Jackson, parliamentarian, both of Philadelphia. Also pictured is electrical technology instructor John Everett who serves as chapter advisor.

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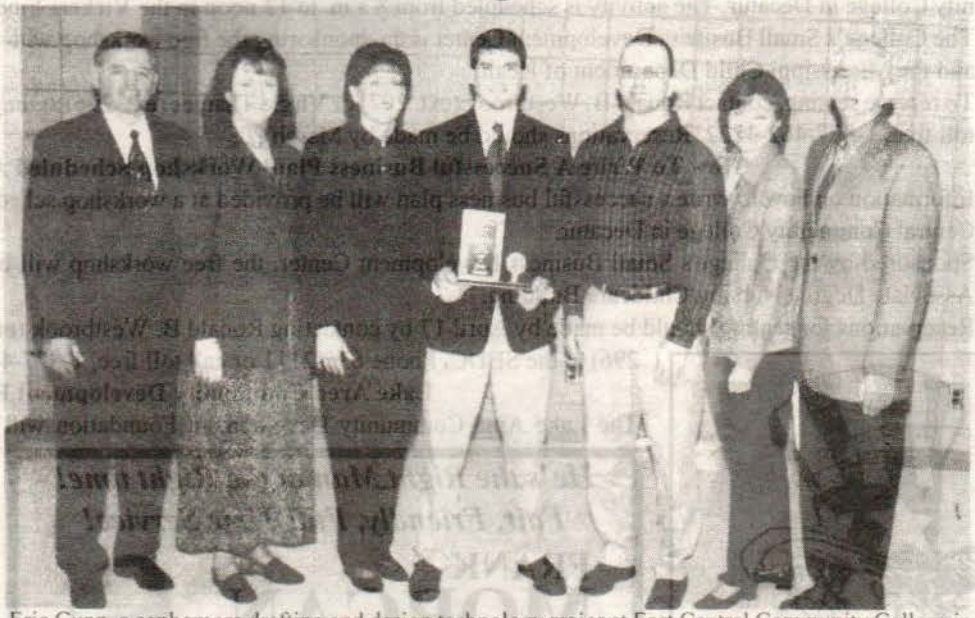
WEEK OF March 24

ECCC's Eric Gunn Selected State's Outstanding Vo-Tech Student



Eric Gunn, a sophomore drafting and design technology major at East Central Community College in Decatur, displays the award he received for being selected Outstanding Post-Secondary Student of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Career and Technology Education. Shown with Gunn are (from left) drafting and design technology instructors Ricky Harrison and Polly Mayes; his parents, Elizabeth and David Gunn of Lake; Sylvia Bush, vocational-technical counselor and John Adcock, dean of vocational-technical education, both of ECCC. (EC Photo)

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DECATUR--East Central Community College sophomore Eric Gunn of Lake was selected Outstanding Post-Secondary Student of the Year at the 77th annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Career and Technology Education held on the Pearl campus of Hinds Community College.

Gunn, an honor student in the College's drafting and design technology program, is the first ECCC student to receive the prestigious award, which is presented to the top vocational-technical student representing the state's community and junior colleges.

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Anthony, building trades instructor at the Lake-Scott County Career and Technology Center.

Prior to enrolling at East Central, Gunn attended Lake Attendance Center and the Forest-Scott County Career and Technology Center, where he also received numerous honors.

At Lake, the 2001 honor graduate received the geometry award, advanced geometry award, and the advanced biology award. He was also a two-year letterman in football and received the Iron Man Award and Academic Award. He lettered five years in varsity baseball, receiving second team All-State and All-District honors in addition to being presented the Hornet Award, .300 Club Award and Academic Award, an honor he received on two occasions. He also received awards for most improved player and for having the highest batting average.

Gunn attended the Forest-Scott County Career and Technology Center during his junior and senior years, where he maintained a 4.0 grade point average in the Building Trades I and II classes. Gunn's success in carpentry, cabinet making and masonry earned him the Outstanding Student Building Trades II Award. He also captured first-place honors in the carpentry competition at the District and State SkiIlsUSA-VICA contests and placed ninth in the national event held in Kansas City, Missouri. Gunn will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in drafting and design technology from ECCC in May 2003. He plans to continue his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and pursue a bachelor's degree in construction engineering technology.

Receiving honors is becoming routine for Gunn, who is also a recipient of an ECCC Student of the Month Award for Outstanding Achievement in Drafting and Design Technology. He has also received numerous academic and leadership scholarships.

A National Dean's List Scholar, Gunn is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, and the College's SkiIlsUSA-VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) chapter.

In addition, he has served as a student recruiter for ECCC and represented the College in radio and television commercials and in the video recruiting presentation, which is shown to prospective students in the five-county district.

ECCC Drafting and Design Technology instructor Ricky Harrison nominated Gunn for the state ACTE award, and letters of recommendation were submitted by fellow instructor Polly Mayes; John

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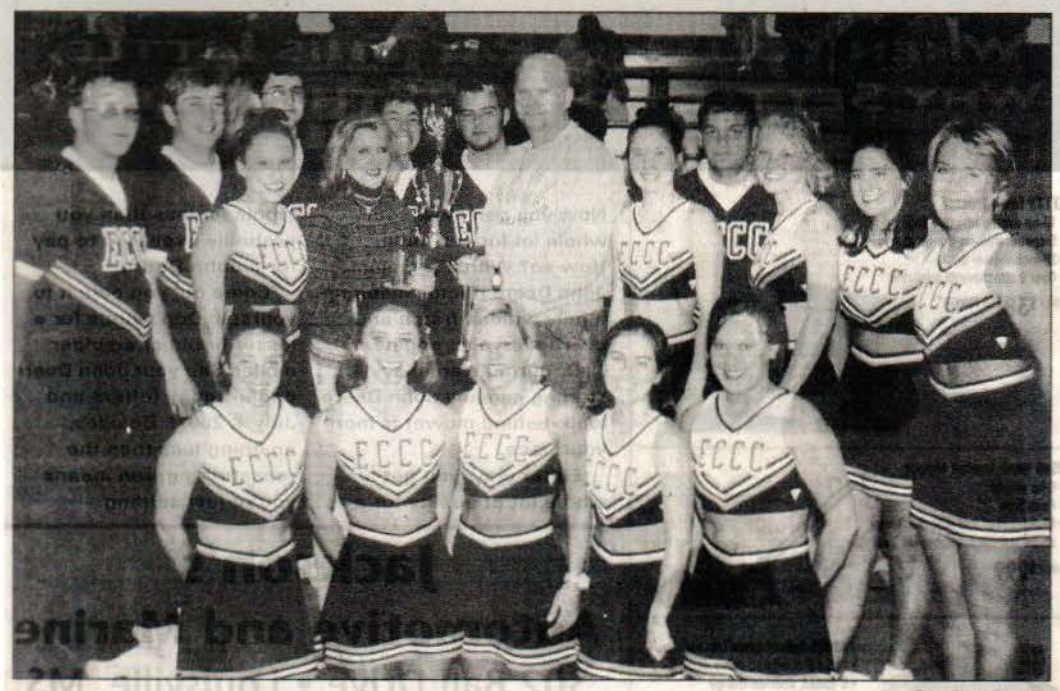
WEEK OF 3/26/01



COURTESY PHOTO

The East Central Community College cheerleading squad took fourth place honors in a national cheerleading competition held January 11-14 in Orlando, Florida. The squad was one of only 12 junior colleges from throughout the nation selected by Universal Cheerleading Association to participate. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Leigh Ann Morrow, Courtney Graham, Kasey Comans, Kelly Walker, Keri Henley. (Second row, from left) LeAnn Eddins, sponsor Kim Mangum, Joe Killens, Kristin Harris; (back row, from left) Chris Van Etten, Jonathan McMillin, Todd Babb, Lee Thompson, Andrew Latham and Heath Dye.

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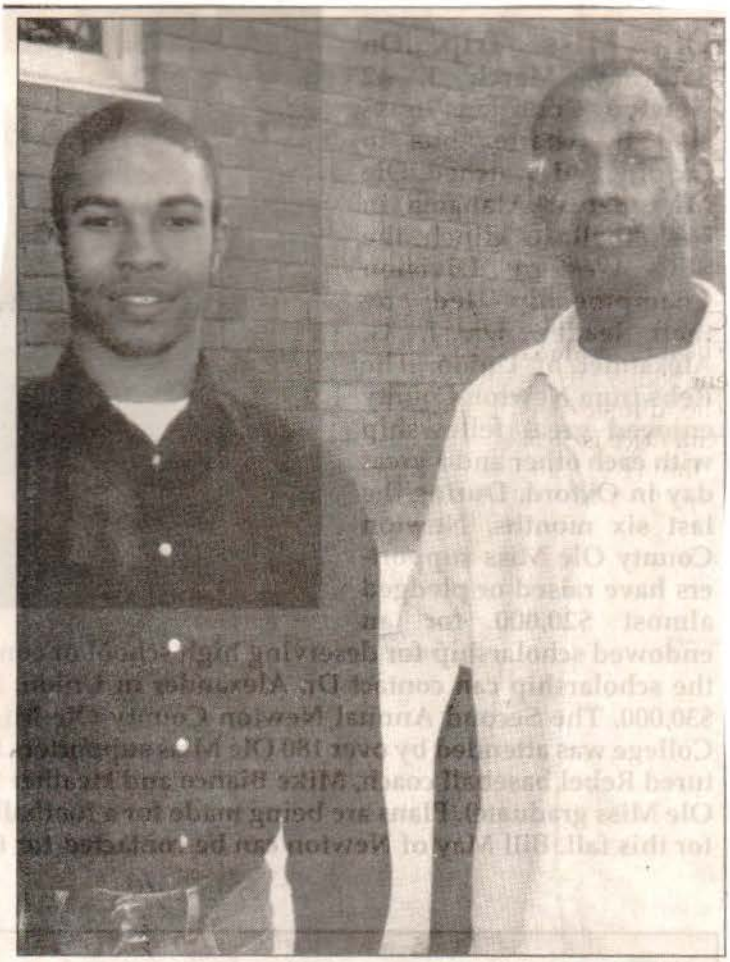

Robinson, Wash Selected for Drum Corps ... East Central Community College students Ricardo Robinson (left) of Decatur and Frazier Wash of Forest were recently selected for membership in the Cavaliers, the reigning world champion drum and bugle corps based in Rosemont, Illinois. The two music majors auditioned during the Thanksgiving holidays and again the week after Christmas before being selected. They were among 128 members chosen from over 500 students who auditioned throughout the United States, Canada and Japan. The corps consists of students ages 16-21 who travel all summer performing throughout the country. (EC Photo)

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Win District HOSA Honors ... These surgical technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur won honors at the District HOSA (Health Occupations of America) competition held recently in Meridian. Award winners and their respective areas of competition include (first row, from left) Tommie Wells of Forest, second place, surgical technology and fourth, medical terminology; Revonda Edmonds of Newton, first, surgical technology and fifth, medical terminology; and Mandy Clark of Louisville, fifth, pathophysiology; (middle row, from left) Donna Reynolds of Decatur, third, path ophys i ology; Christy Mulford of Decatur, fourth, extemporaneous writing; Brandy Mills of Newton, second, extemporaneous writing and fourth, surgical technology; and Jessica Beckham of Newton, first, extemporaneous writing; and (top row, from left) Dottie Binkley of Meridian, second, pathophysiology and third, surgical technology; Keenan Childress of Louisville, first, prepared speaking; and Shamekla Bailey of Union, fifth, surgical technology. Janice Jacobs serves as instructor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-2-01

Collegians present spring concert

The Collegians of East Central Community College will present their spring campus concert at 8 p.m. Monday, April 9, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. This popular group will perform music by such artists as Uncle Kracker, No Doubt, Tamia and many others. Special guests will be former Collegian members who will perform with a "flash from the past" set. Group members include (kneeling from left) technicians Ben Boyette of Southeast Lauderdale, Robert Hodgins of Neshoba Central, Josh Young of Leake Academy, Ryan Woodard of Louisville, Andy Murphy of Southeast Lauderdale and Josh Tillman of Forest; (middle row, from left) vocalists Amber Gainer of Louisville, Josh Burton of Nev Tramill of Newton, Claire Edgar of Ull Newton County and Teresa Ogletreeat and (top row, from left) Frazier Wash Brittany Bane, guitar, and Kirk Miss Neshoba Central; Lucas Majure, drun trumpet, both of Newton County; an pet, of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Cars ed musicians and plays guitar. The entertain at the Starlight Cafe in Dis in Orlando, Florida, this May.

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WEEK OF 4-9-01

ECCC cheerleaders selected

Members of the nationally recognized East Central Community College cheerleading squad have been selected for the 2001-2002 term, announced Kim Mangum, sponsor.

Selections were made following tryouts held March 24 on the Decatur campus.

Members include Leigh Ann Morrow and Kristin Harris, both of Enterprise; Leslie Crenshaw of Newton, Keri Henley and LeAnn Eddins, both of Heidelberg Academy; Courtney Graham and Brandi Bounds, both of West Lauderdale; Kelly Walker and Jennifer Walker, both of Neshoba Central; Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy; Lee Thompson and Heath Dye, both Morton; Jonathan McMillin of Winston Academy, Jonathan Huff and Andrew Latham, both of Forest; Todd Babb of Pisgah and Chris Van Etten of Scott Central.

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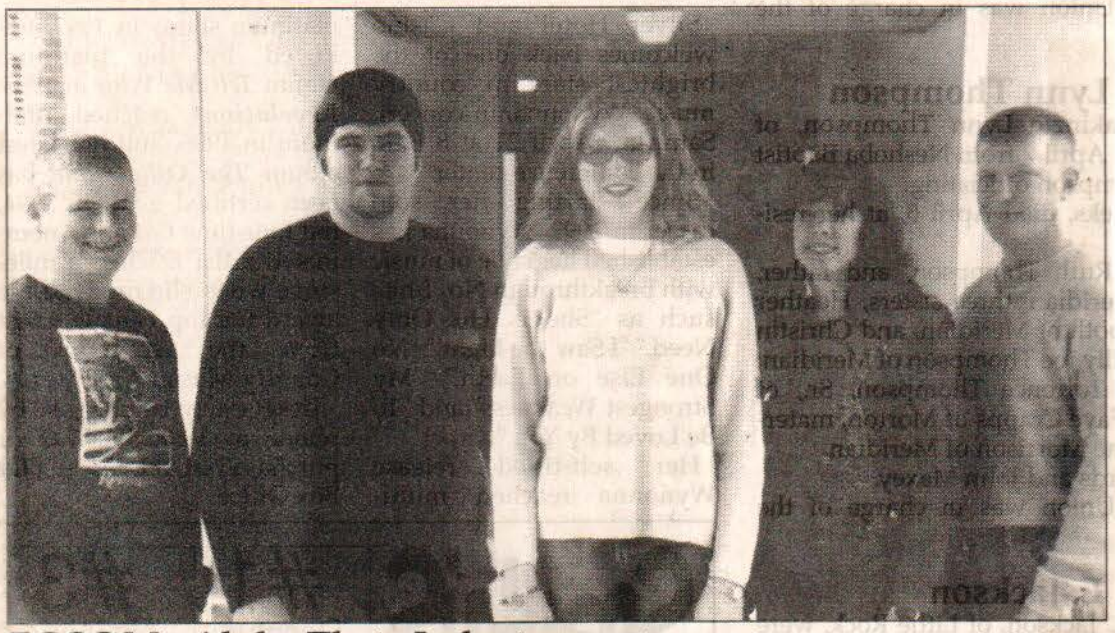

ECCC Mu Alpha Theta Inductees.... These students were recently inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students excelling in mathematics, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Jessie Warren of Forest, Brad Parker of Carthage, Katy McBeath of Union, Allison Latham of Forest and Scott Livingston of Louisville. Sue Ford serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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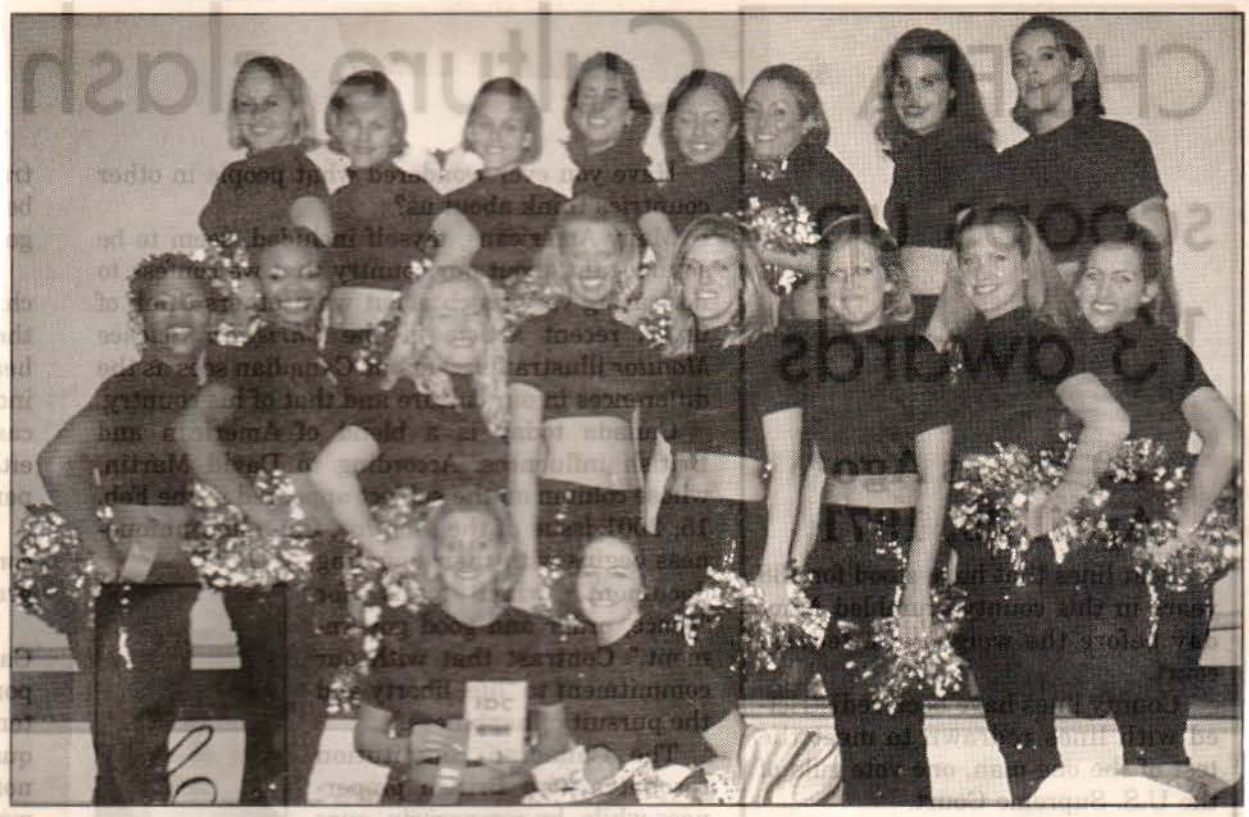

Centralettes win medals

Members of the Centralettes, the dance line for the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band recently won gold and silver medals at the International Dance Challenge held in Pensacola, Florida. Members include (kneeling from left) captains Amy Jones of Forest and Jessica Brown of Carthage; (second row, from left) McKenzie Mack of Morton, Melonie Moore of Neshoba Central, Candice Cooper of Winston Academy, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton, Nikki Pearson and Mary Clare Tranum, both of Louisville; Missy Johnson of Newton County and Miranda Faulk of Winston Academy; and (back row, from left) Sarah Johnson of Newton, Natalie Boggan and Emily Boggan, both of Newton County; Katy Bourland and Molly Addkison, both of Winston Academy; Whitney Westberry of Forest, Marie Griffith of Newton County and Claire Edgar of Union. Lori Muse serves as coordinator/choreographer.

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REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS! For the second consecutive year, members of East Central Community College's SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team won top honors in regional competition held in Birmingham, Ala. Shown following the awards presentation are SIFE members (in front, from left) Kathy Jones and Heather Brandley, both of Philadelphia (middle row, from left) Allison Thornton of Carthage, Kristen Averett and Carrie Massey, both of Decatur; Tina Patel of Forest and Asylbek Osmonov of Philadelphia, (third row, from left) Brooks Hamilton, Casey Bell and Joseph Grice, all of Carthage, and Jareel Combest of Louisville, and (top row) Michael Thompson of Collins, Jones, Asylbeck, Combest and Masser were speakers for the competition and Patel was responsible for the power point presentation. Also representing the college were Wanda Moore, SIFE sponsor, and Roberta Holt who provided assistance. The ECCC group now advances to international competition scheduled in Kansas City, Missouri on May 13-16. (EC Photo)

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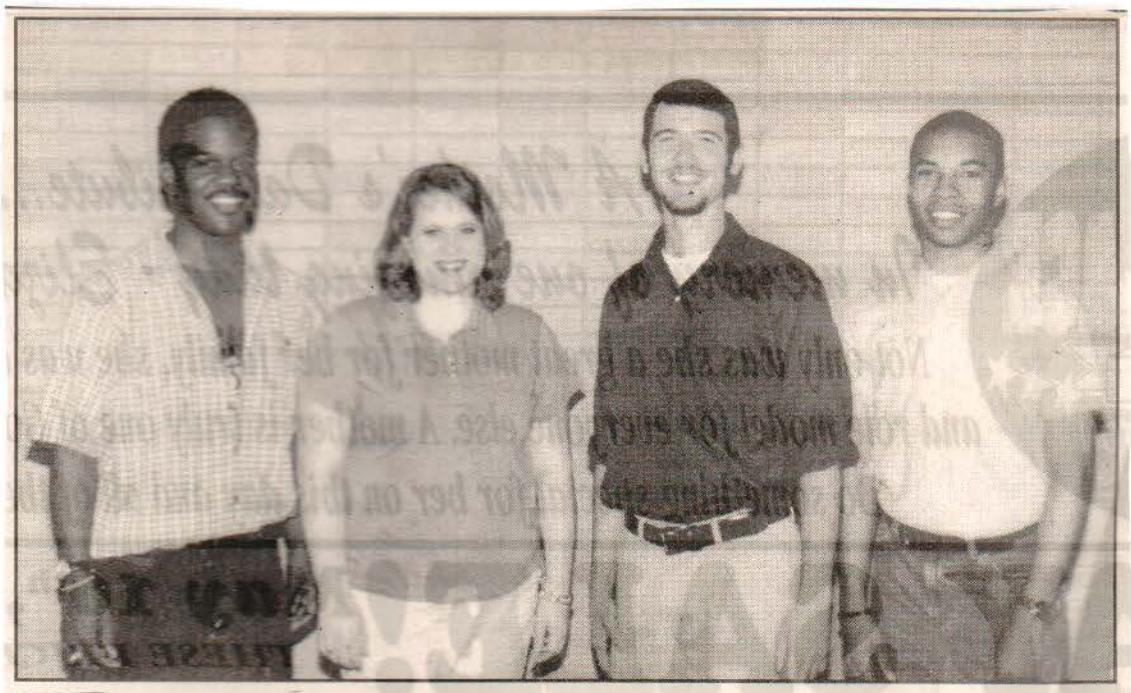

PARTICIPATE IN SINGING COMPETITION - These East Central Community College music students recently participated inteh National Association of Teachers Singing Convention held at Mississippi College. From left are Carl Wilson of Newton, Laura McMillan of Lake, Caleb Cook of Hickory and Ricardo Robinson of Decatur. Wilson placed second in the finals and McMillan and Cook advanced to the semi-finals of the annual competition, which included students fromteh state's community and junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities. This is the first year East Central students have participated inteh prestigious event. Ross Price serves as vocal music instructor at ECCC. (EC Photo)

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ECCC to award degrees to 410

Diplomas will be presented to approximately 410 graduates on Friday, May 11, 2001, when East Central Community College holds commencement exercises beginning at 8 p.m. in Warrior Stadium on the Decatur campus.

Approximately 320 students are candidates for graduation, while the remaining number represents those who completed degree requirements following the 2000 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction.

Graduating sophomore Ashley Jones of Forest will deliver the commencement address. Jones, an engineering major, is a President's List scholar and was recently named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic First Team.

Sarah Johnson of Hickory, who is also a member of the Class of 2001, will provide special music. Johnson, whose major is liberal arts, will sing The Impossible Dream from Man of La Mancha. The Newton High School graduate is a President's List scholar and was selected to the Phi Theta All-Academic second team. She was recently named to the Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at East Central.

SUMMER 2000 GRADUATES

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NEWTON COUNTY: Carla Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Babalyn Bender, Annynese Edwards and Barbara Evans, all of Lawrence; Melody Dewitt, Little Rock;

Cassandra Arrington, Alva Flowers, Esther Gallaspy, Lori Hollingsworth, Shanikia Union.

SCOTT COUNTY: Melanie Funguy, Conehatta; Vanesha Battle, Haley Chance and Aaron Hines, all of Forest; Miranda Davis and Latonya Gray, both of Lake; Ivory Bowie, Lena; Tammy Munn, Morton; and Leslie Risher, Pulaski.

FALL 2000 GRADUATES

NESHOBA COUNTY: Demeteria Hayman, Angela Hundley, Monica Issac, John Perdeye and Dewayne Thomas, all of Philadelphia; Jennifer Abel, Sebastopol; and Josh French, Union.

NEWTON COUNTY: John Thomas, Conehatta; Jason Pierce, Decatur; Marsha Evans and Pamela Williams, both of Hickory; Jenna Tune, Lake; LaBreeska Chesney, Julie White and Sasya Wilhelm, all of Little Rock; Amos Thames and Amanda Walley, both of Newton; and Jason Burroughs, Union.

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NESHOBA COUNTY: Trina Anderson, Sandi Anthony, Jennifer Beckham, Richard Brown, Ilevit Bryan, Leslie Bryan, Keyla Carney, Nicole Clemons, Angela Cole, Dexter Cole, Rinada Cole, Johnny Cook, Jill Dansby, Alex Dees, Jennifer Fortune, Mark Harris, Robert Hodgins, Lisa Hutchins, Haley Ingram, Jessica Johnson, Delnita Jones, Shayla Kirksey, Mary Lewis, Adam Mann, Brandi Martin,

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Sharon Williams and Michael Withers, all of Philadelphia;

and Jeremy Bell, Timothy Cager, Anita Campbell, Robert Crosby, Sherry Dionne, Sarah French, Jeremy Fryery, Mitchell Haygood and Rebecca Massengale, all of Chunky; Kristen Averett, Atoyia Bagley, Corey Cater, Jason Chickaway, Judd Easom, Mark Engram, Elray King, Johnny Moore,

Emily Stephens and Terrance Williamson, all of Conehatta; Charles Addy, Stephen Airhart, Kris Amis, LeeAnn Barrett, Emily Boggan, Natalie Boggan, Rebecca Bradshaw, Michael Brand, Patrice Brown, Tanya Burroughs, Jessica Chaney,

Sherri Ezell, Justin Gardner, Kelli Harris, Jason Holmes, Sarah Johnston, Deborah Lucroy, Lucas Majure, Carrie Massey, Blake McMullan, Kathy Moulds, Craig Ozborn, Monica Patrick, James Ryals, Mae Walker and Joseph Wright, all of Decatur;

Sonya Butler, Kristin Cleveland, Thomas Cleveland, Kelly Cluff, Demetra Dawkins, Terri Fleming, Michael Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joshua McCullough, Tomi Mize, Jimmie Pete, Roy Pete, Jennifer Robinson and Joseph Skinner, all of Hickory;

Curtis Blackburn, Melissa Dukes and Melanie Robinson, all of Lawrence;

Ernest Brown, April Burke, Jennifer Crabtree, Crystal Fredrick, Karla McMahan, Bridget Minor, Margaret Mott, Joshua Sanders and Vicky White, all of Little Rock;

Patrick Anderson, Regina Arrington, Teri Baucum, Crystal Bonner, Portia Campbell, Nicole Finley, Rena Ford, Jessica Hamm, Selma Johnson, Maleca Merrell, Tamara Muir, Alberta Norman, Marion Payne, Charlie Poole, Matthew Roebuck, Aaron Sibley, Carolina Skinner, Adrea Smith, Andrea Smith, Willard Stephens, Gloria Vargocko, Ashley Walters and Shawn West, all of Newton;

and Amy Burgin, Sandra Chappell, Patty Chickaway, Mary Victoria Gordon, Robert Hodge, Alisa Jones, Leslie Mangrum, Josh

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Other graduating sophomores selected to participate in the commencement program include Chris Webb of Philadelphia, invocation, and McKenzie Mack of Pulaski, benediction. Webb, a pre-medicine major, is a President's List scholar and Phi Theta Kappa member. He was recently inducted into the College's Hall of Fame. Mack is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin will award degrees and certificates to following:

SUMMER 2000 GRADUATES

Newton County: Carla Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Babalyn Bender, Annynese Edwards and Barbara Evans, all of Lawrence; Melody Dewitt, Little Rock; Cassandra Arrington, Alva Flowers, Esther Gallaspy, Lori Hollingsworth, Shenikia Love, Yalonda Whitfield and Lori Winstead, all of Newton; and Sharon Allen, Deirdre Arrinton, Candra Davis and Melissa Madden, all of Union.

FALL 2000 GRADUATES

Newton County: John Thomas, Conehatta; Jason Pierce, Decatur; Marsha Evans and Pamela Williams, both of Hickory; Jenna Tune, Lake; LaBreeska Chesney, Julie White and Sasya Wilhelm, all of Little Rock; Amos Thames and Amanda Walley, both of Newton; and Jason Burroughs, Union.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION SPRING 2001

Newton County: Kimberly Brackeen, Kristy Haygood and Rebecca Massengale, all of Chunky; Kristen Averett, Atoyia Bagley, Corey Cater, Jason Chickaway, Judd Easom, Mark Engram, Elray King, Johnny Moore, Emily Stephens and Terrance Williamson, all of Conehatta; Charles Addy, Stephen Airhart, Kris Amis, LeeAnn Barrett, Emily Boggan, Natalie Boggan, Rebecca Bradshaw, Mchael Brand, Patrice Brown, Tanya Burroughs, Jessica Chaney, Sherri Ezell, Justin Gardner, Kelli Harris, Jason Holmes, Sarah Johnston, Deborah Lucroy, Lucas Majure, Carrie Massey, Blake McMullan, Kathy Moulds, Craig Ozborn, Monica Patrick, James Ryals, Mae Walker and Joseph Wright, all of Decatur; Sonya butler, Kristin Cleveland, Thomas Cleveland, Kelly Cluff, Demetra Dawkins, Terri Fleming, Michael Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joshua McCullough, Tomi Mize, Jimmie Pete, Roy Pete, Jennifer Robinson and Joseph Skinner, all of Hickory; Curtis Blackburn, Melissa Dukes and Melanie Robinson, all of Lawrence; Ernest Brown, April Burke, Jennifer Crabtree, Crystal Fredrick, Karla McMahan, Bridget Minor, Margaret Mott, Joshua Sanders and Vicky White, all of Little Rock; Patrick Anderson, Regina Arrington, Teri Baucum, Crystal Bonner, Portia Campbell, Nicole Finley, Rena Ford, Jessica Hamm, Selma Johnson, Maleca Merrell, Tamara Muir, Alberta Norman, Marion Payne, Charlie Poole, Matthew Roebuck.

Aaron Sibley, Carolina Skinner, Adrea Smith, Andrea Smith, Willard Stephens, Gloria Vargocko, Ashley Walters, and Shawn West, all of Newton: and Amy Burgin, Sandra Chappell, Patty Chickaway, Mary Gordon, Robert Hodge, Alisa Jones, Leslie Mangrum, Josh Robinson, Bettye Russell, Alisa Stewart, Jessica Strickland, Heather Sumrall, William Terrell and William Wade, all of Union.

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PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY PROJECT- These members of the East Central Community College Environmental Club (ECEC) recently collected over 20 bags of trash on a section of Hwy. 15 north of Decatur, as part of Earth Day activities. Pictured are (from left) Carrie Massey and Lucas Majure, both of Decatur; Josh Lockwood, Noxapater; and Brandy Ellington and Jennifer Moss, both of Pulaski. Laura Hammons serves as ECEC advisor (EC Photo)

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EC Hall of Famers

These students were recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive at the College. Pictured are (from left) Bridget Minor of Little Rock, Sarah Johnson of Hickory, Chris Webb of Philadelphia and Natalie Boggan and Emily Boggan, both of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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MINOR RECEIVES MUW SCHOLARSHIP: East Central Community College sophomore , Bridget Minor of Little Rock recently received a Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarship to Mississippi University for Women, which was presented at the annual ECCC Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus. In addition, Minor received the Herrin Leadership Scholarship and the McDevitt Scholarship to attend MUW. Also pictured is ECCC Vice President for Student Services, Joe Killens (EC Photo)

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Scholarships

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RECEIVE USM TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS: These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi. Scholarships were presented at the annual ECCC Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Jessica Brown of Carthage, Bevin Rieger of Pearl, McKenzie Mack of Morton and Sarah Johnson of Hickory. Johnson also received the USM Phil A. Sutphin Presidential Scholarship. Also pictured is Matthew Cox, USM Admissions Counselor. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVES MSU SCHOLARSHIPS - These East Central Community College sophomores received Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarships to continue their education at Mississippi State University. The scholarships were presented at the annual ECCC Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Wendy Huff and Alicia Purvis, both of Morton; Kelli Harris of Decatur; and (standing from left) Ashley Jones of Forest, Shelby Withers of Carthage and Hal Davis of Sturgis. At right is Bryan Nesbit, MSU Associate Director of Enrollment Services. Not pictured are Brittany Boney of Shubuta; Brandy Burnett, Amy Hatcher, Jacqlyne Hathorn, Lucas Nowell, Michael Smith and Maria Thompson, all of Louisville; Heather Cushman of Forest; Jessica Evans of Bay Springs; Elizabeth Hicks of Pachuta; Hayley Ingram and Melissa Pendergrass, both of Philadelphia; Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove; and Erica Nicholson of Union.

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ECCC STUDENT LEADERS: Selected to lead the East Central Community College Student Body Association for the 2001-2002 term are (standing from left) Andy Murphy of Meridian, president; Jennifer Cuchens of Newton, vice president; Miranda Faulk of Louisville, secretary; and Missy Johnson of Hickory, treasurer. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter wins International Honors

Countless hours spent testing the quality of water in rivers and creeks near area poultry processing plants have resulted in an international honor for members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Students representing the two-year college in Decatur, Miss., were presented the Freeman Science Award at the internationl honor society's 83rd Annual Convention held in Denver, Colorado.

The prestigious honor is presented to the chapter or individual submitting the most outstanding project relating the current Honors Study Topic, "In the Midst of Water: Origin and Destiny of Life" to the discipline of science. The Award is named for Dr. Joyce Freeman and Dr. Janice Freeman, Distinguished Phi Theta Kappa Alumni and former members of the organization's Board of Directors.

Participants in the East Central project, officially entitled "A Study of Water Quality of Natural Water Sources Near Selected Chicken Processing Plants in Mississippi," included Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington, chemistry/biology instructor, and Theta Xi members Bridget Minor, Ernie Brown and Karla McMahan, all of Little Rock; Dustin Addy, Decatur, Edgar Bradford, Forest; Johnny Ray Cook, Jason Myers and Asylbek Osmonov, all of Philadelphia; Ramona Corkern, Carthage; Hal Davis, Sturgis; Ben Dear and Sarah Johnson, both Hickory; and Rebecca Massengale, Chunky. Carol Ann Edwards of Philadelphia also participated in the project.

Dr. Hennington, who joined the ECCC faculty in 1998, expressed appreciation to the students who participated in the study.

Prior to the study being submitted at the Phi Theta Kappa Internaitonal competition, Dr. Hennington and several team members presented results of the water quality project at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences in Tupelo and during two occasions on the ECCC campus. The group's findings were also submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Dr. Hennington was responsible for securing funds to conduct the water testing study. Funding came from a $1000 grant provided by NASA through the University of Mississippi.

The Freeman Science award is not given every year, but only on those years when a submission merits the award. This is the first time any Mississippi college has won the prestigious honor. Competition was among over 1200 chapters from around the world.

In addition to receiving the Freeman Science Award, Theta Xi received several other honors at the internaitonal convention.

The ECCC group was one of only 10 chapters presented a Leadership Hallmark Award, which is given in recognition of superior achievements in the leadership area.

Theta Xi was also one of 25 recipients of the Distinguished Chapter Award and was named among the Top 100 Chapters of the international organization.

In addition, Dustin Addy of Decatur was among 10 recipients of the Distinguished Officer Award. Addy, a graduate of Newton County High School, serves as vice president for leadership.

Thete Xi advisors are Dr. Shelby Harris, Ann Burkes and Christy Ferguson.

Phi Theta Kappa has more than 1200 chapters at community, technical and junior colleges in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Japan, and U.S. territories abroad.

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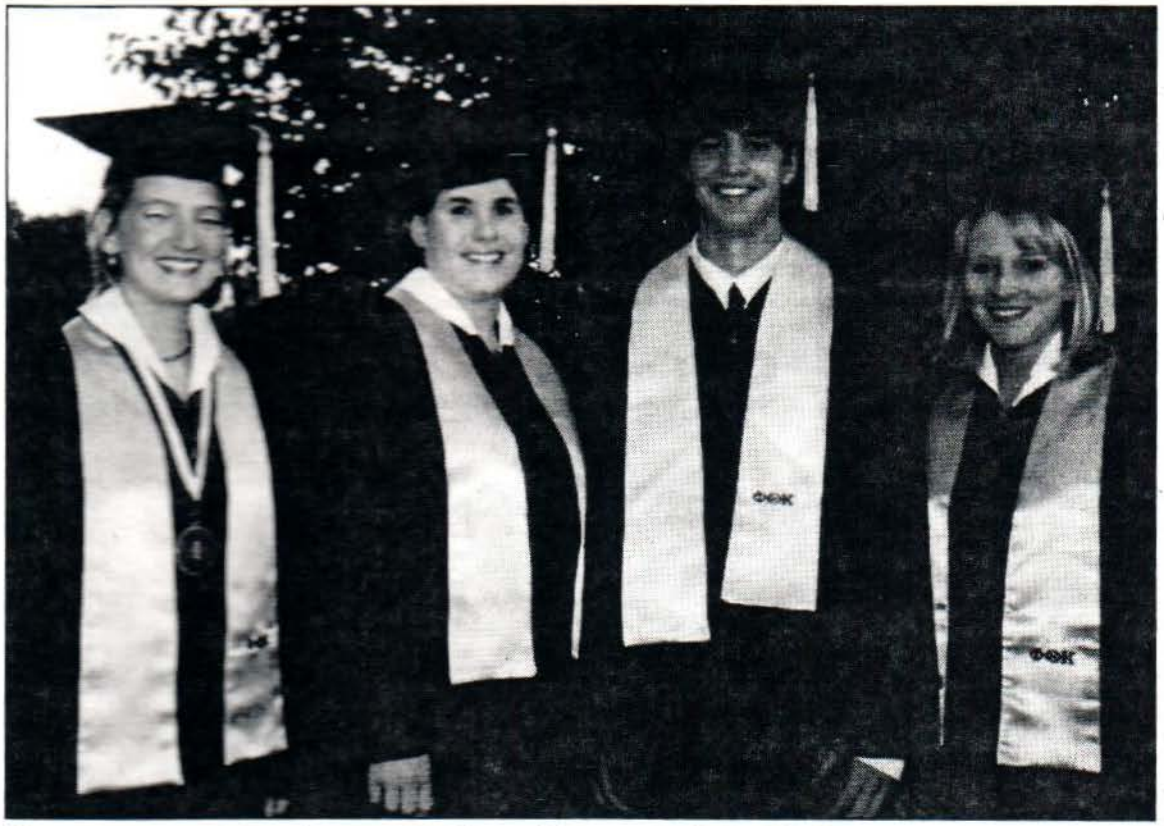
NJCAA Academic All-Americans



These former student-athletes at East Central Community College in Decatur were named National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-Americans for the 2000-2001 college term. ECCC honorees and their respective sports areas include, from left, Ashley Jones of Forest, fast-pitch softball; Brandy Burnett of Louisville, tennis; Chris Webb of Neshoba Central High School, basketball; and Kristi Moore of Noxapater, tennis. Not pictured is tennis player Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy.

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WEEK OF 6/4/01

Mu Alpha Theta inductees

These students were recently inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students excelling in mathematics, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated, from left) Beth Bell of Forest, Rebecca Kelly of Lake, Demetra Dawkins of Hickory and Jessica Sanders of Edinburg; (second, from left) Laura Williams of Newton, Samantha Styburski of Chunky, Rena Ford of Newton, Penny Alford of Carthage, Cassandra Arrington of Newton and Lesley Taylor and Wesley Loyd, both of Louisville; and (back, from left) Jacqueline Moore of Bay Springs, Jason Guraedy of Decatur, Matthew Stone of Noxapater, and Daniel Pearce and Matt Davis, both of Decatur. Sue Ford serves as sponsor.

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Acting awards

These East Central Community College students received acting awards at the annual EC Players banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) Lana Rogers of Leake Academy, best play spirit in a musical; Brad Sutphin of Newton County, best cameo and director's award; Ricardo Robinson of Newton County, best male dancer; and Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, best female dancer; and (back row, from left) Andy Chambers of Forest, most dedicated actor; Laura Shook, stagehand award; and Asylbek Osmonov of Philadelphia, best suitor.

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Players awards

These East Central Community College students received acting awards at the annual EC Players banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) Caleb Cook of Newton County, best actor in a musical; Sarah Johnson of Newton, best actress in a musical; Megan Morrison of Edinburg, best actress in a drama; and Ura Seymer of Leake Academy, best actor in a drama, best show spirit in a musical and most valuable player; and (back row, from left) Amber Graham of Newton County, ECCC Players Award; Adam Mann of Philadelphia, best supporting actor in a musical; Amanda Pope of Scott Central, best supporting actress in a musical; Heidi Wallen of Ethel, best supporting actress in a drama; and Brad Harrell of Scott Central, best supporting actor in a drama.

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ECCC NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES- Above are graduates of East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program who were recognized during the annual pinning ceremony held on the Decatur campus. Members of the ADN Class of 2001 include (seated from left) Samantha Stroud of Lake, A'Toyia Bagley of Louin, Shelly Riser of Forest, Melanie Burkett of Carthage, Candee Nance of Philadelphia; and Alethia Hitt of Union; and (standing from left) Denise Fleming of Hickory, Brandi Martin of Philadelphia; Martha Burris and Jennifer Beemon, both of Carthage; Sandra Chappell of Union, Charles Walker of Forest, Sonja Butler of Hickory, Rochie Young of Forest and Sharon Spears of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Sandi Anthony of Noxapater. Betty Dickson, executive director of the Mississippi Nurses' Association, served as keynote speaker for the special program. (EC Photo)

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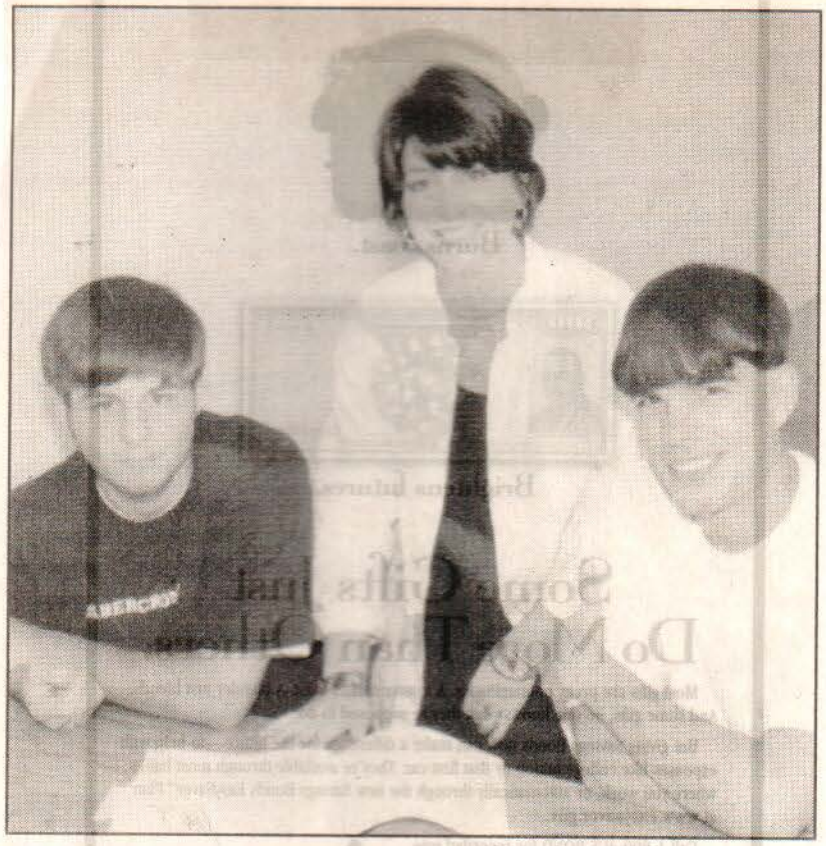

EC orientation

East Central Community College music keyboard instructor Leesa Wilkinson (center) is shown assisting her nephew, Richard Lee (left), and Joel Wall, both honor graduates of Leake Academy, with their fall semester class schedules during the annual ECCC Honors Orientation held Thursday, June 7, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Wednesday, July 11, and Saturday, Aug. 4. Fall day classes begin Monday, Aug. 13.

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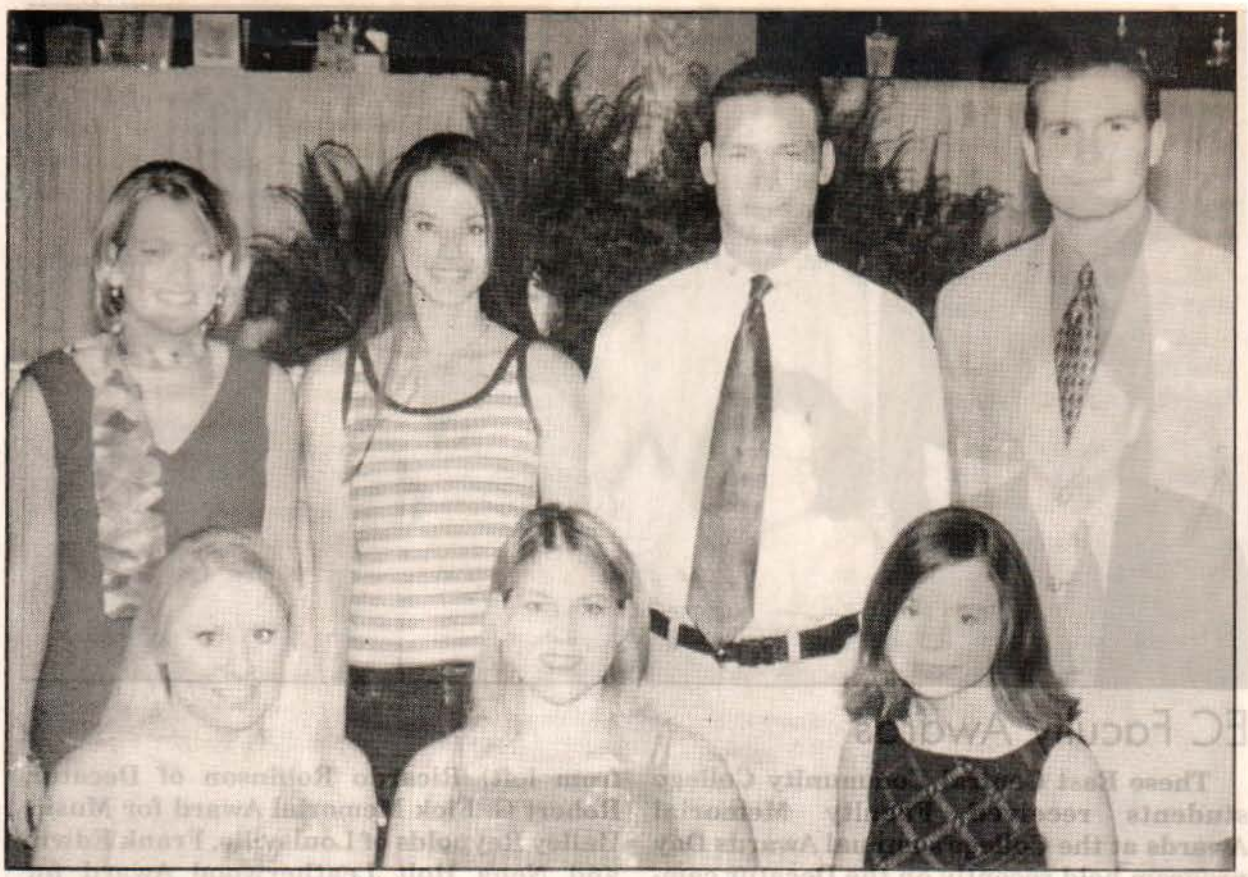

MSU scholarships

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Atco scholarship

Michael Townsend (left), a 2001 graduate of South Leake High School, was recently presented the ATCO Loan Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with company official James McRae following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. (EC photo)

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Boggan scholarship

Amy Rawson, a 2001 graduate of Carthage High School, is the recipient of the Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Dr. and Mrs. Austin P. Boggan following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

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Bank scholarship

Natasha Phillips (center) of Carthage is the 2001 recipient of the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with bank representatives Jackie Hester and Steve Webb following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

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Brett Hollingsworth (left) of Forest is the 2001 recipient of the S. Lebrun Hutchison Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The outstanding student is shown with ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

Amanda Alford, a 2001 graduate of Forest High School, was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship provided by Boyd Walton and Bell South to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Scholarship recipients

Whitney Harris (left) a graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship to attend East central Community College in Decatur. The Mayes Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Rudolph Mayes who taught at the College for 28 years. Also pictured is Jackie Etie, Mr. Mayes daughter (right).

Thomas Clark is the recipient of the Myrtle R. Hutchison Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur.

Newton County High School graduate Stephanie Airhart is the recipient of the Board of Trustees Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in decatur. The tuition scholarship is awarded to a student from one of the five counties in the district on a rotating basis.

Newton County High graduate Charlene Foreman is the recipient of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship and the T. T. Beemon Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The Supervisors scholarship is awarded annually to one of the five counties in the district on a rotating basis. The Beemon Scholarship is awarded each year to a student from the Little Rock area who plans a career in pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, or a related field.

Newton County Academy graduate Nathan Stamper is the 2001 recipient of the Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship to attend East Central in Decatur.

Scott Therrien of Newton was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship from Milling Funeral Home in Union to attend ECCC.

Rachel Sorey, a graduate of Newton County High School was recently presented the Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Scholarship to attend East Central Community College.

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Scott Central High School graduate Erica Hall is the 2001 recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The outstanding student is shown with ECCC president Dr. Phil Sutphin following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Stacey Hollingsworth, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently selected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association. The association's purpose is to promote alumni associations in Mississippi's public community and junior colleges.

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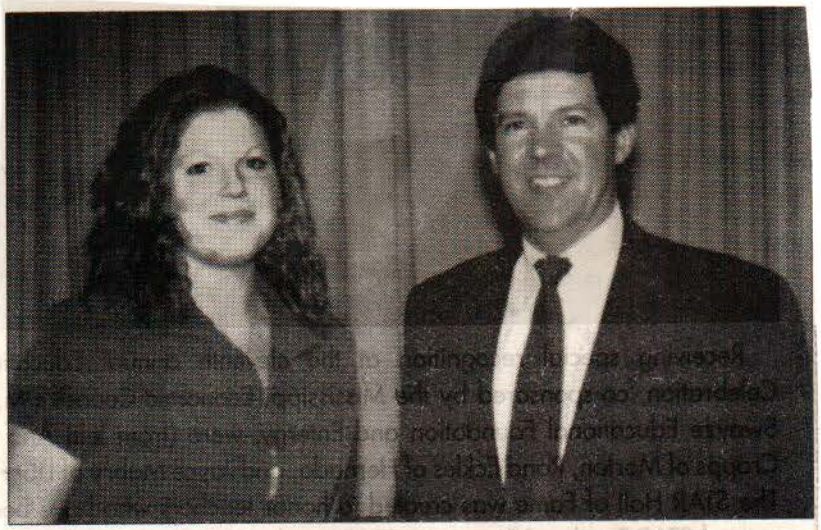
April Jones, a 2001 graduate of Scott Central High School, was recently presented the Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with McCann's mother Teresa Shannon following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.



Janice McCullough, a 2001 graduate of Morton High School, was recently presented the annual Bank of Forest Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The outstanding student is shown with bank official Gene Walker following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Bank scholarship

Joshua Jenkins (left), a 2001 graduate of Carthage High School, is this year's recipient of the Carthage Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with bank representative Yolanda Wooten following the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Clubs/Organizations Jan-June 2001

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East Central Community College Drafting and Design Technology instructor Ricky Harrison (left) and his students track and record satellite signals over the new survey monument disks that were constructed on the north campus. They were constructed with the help of the National Geodetic Survey with tracking instruments loaned by the U.S. Army Crops of Engineers District Office in Vicksburg. (ECCC photo)

ECCC is "On the Map"

East Central Community College' Drafting and Design Technology Department has teamed up with the National Geodetic Survey, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish two highly accurate location and election reference points on the Decatur campus, according to Kurt Shinkle, State Geodetic Advisor.

"The reference points themselves," Shinkle said, "are marked by brass survey monument disks set into the tops of massive concrete plinths set in the ground."

East Central was selected for this project after drafting and design technology instructor Ricky Harrison talked to Shinkle at a surveyors' meeting in Jackson. Harrison said, "I talked with Kurt at the Mississippi Associating and asked if his agency could establish two A-order points on our campus to be used by our students and the public."

After Harrison and his students set the markers in place, the locations and heights of the reference points were determined through the use of high-precision Global Positioning System (GPS) instruments. Shinkle said, "Two of these sophisticated satellite tracking instruments, each about the size of a ream of paper, were on loan from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' District Office in Vicksburg."

Shinkle explained, "The Global Positioning System is comprised of a constellation of 28 satellites launched and operated by the U.S. Air Force. The GPS satellites beam down encrypted low-power radio signals that enable a properly equipped

"Although the original purpose of the GPS program was to provide an accurate worldwide navigation capability to U.S. military forces, civilian scientists soon learned to use the signals themselves, without accessing the encrypted message, to determine accurate positions. For civilian users this process takes a little more time and effort. It was this unanticipated scientific development that gave rise to the GPS units in common use by surveyors and engineers today. In fact, satellite positioning is rapidly displacing more conventional terrestrial methods of surveying and mapping in daily use."

For the East Central project, one GPS unit was set up at each of the two new survey monuments to track and record satellite signals continuously for 12 hour periods on two days. Once the data is combined and processed with compatible information recorded simultaneously at continuously operating sites in Okolona, Vicksburg and Mobile, the latitude and longitude of these two monuments will be known to an accuracy of two centimeters; less than one inch!

"The coordinates of these points will be published by the National Geodetic Survey as part of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)," said Shinkle. "The NSRS defines the size and shape of the North American continent and provides the fundamental locational reference frame for all mapping, surveying and engineering activities in the country."

He added, "These two points on the ECCC campus are no ordinary members of the NSRS. With their two centimeter accuracy, these points will become two of only 11 points in Mississippi to meet this 'A-order' standard."

Harrison added, "For years to come our surveying students will have access to 'real world' coordinates. These points will be used in many different teaching disciplines. And with the technology that is being used and the changes ahead, these points will be valuable to all engineers and surveyors."

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WEEK OF Oct 29

ECCC HOMECOMING ROYALTY - Members of the East Central Community College Homecoming Court for 2001 are (first roe, from left) freshman maids Cassie Henson of Philadelphia, Whitney Harris of Newton County High School, Kelli Linch of Nanih Waiya and Cynthia Fleming of Louisville; Queen Melonie Moore of Neshoba Central; Maid of Honor Katy Bourland of Winston Academy; and sophomore maids Molly Addison of Winston Academy, Erica Tullos of Neshoba Central and Tori Tijerina of Newton, and (standing from left) escorts Bryant Steele of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick and John Thomas Roberts, both of Newton County; Ben Bourland of Louisville, Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, Ty Anderson of Newton County, Ryan Crick of Louisville, Dustin McGee of Newton County and Jeff Pates of Ocean Springs. The court was presented during halftime ceremonies of the East Central/Jones football game held October 20 on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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QUEEN MELONIE CROWNED AT ECCC - East Central Community College Homecoming Queen Melonie Moore of Philadelphia receives her crown from College President Dr. Phi A. Sutphin during half-time ceremonies of the Warriors' football matchup with Jones County Junior College on Saturday, October 20. Moore, a sophomore sociology major from Neshoba Central high School, was escorted by Warrior basketball player Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine. At right is 2000 titleholder Emily Boggan of Decatur, who presented the new queen with a bouquet of roses. Boggan attends the University of Mississippi. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 10

ECCC Scholars Bowl Team... Members of the East Central Community College Scholars Bowl Team for the 2003-04 term include (seated, from left) Holly Pierce of Union, Jenna Talbert of Newton, Lauren Heard of Madison and Valerie Gibbs of Newton; and (standing, from left) Allen Davis of Decatur, Amy Haralson and Jeremy Gibbs, both of Forest; Jessica Sheehan of Little Rock, Jordan Kemp of Louisville and Ty Dowden of Decatur. Also pictured is Dr. Linda Lane, who serves as sponsor.

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Awards

WEEK OF Aug 11, 2001

East Central students named to PBL Who's Who honor

East Central Community College sophomores Jerry Hamm, left, of Lake and Ashley Ogletree of Sebastopol were recently named to Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students.

The awards were presented at the State PBL Conference held on the Tupelo campus of Itawamba Community College.

Hamm is a nontraditional student majoring in computer technology.

Ogletree, a business office technology major, also placed fourth in the Finance competition of the state contest.

Students are selected to Who's Who based on their years of participation in Phi Beta Lambda; their participation in conferences sponsored by the state chapter and national association; positions of leadership; contributions to local, state and national projects; and participation in other activities. Curtis Beckman, computer network support technology instructor, serves as PBL advisor for ECCC's Theta Chi chapter.

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WEEK OF 27 Aug

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Providing entertainment during halftime activities of East Central Community College football games are the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Members and their respective high schools are: First row, from left, Melody Griffin of Philadelphia, Sandy Keene of Union, Melissa Evans of Carthage, Kristin Rice of Newton County Academy, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton (captain), Miranda Faulk of Winston Academy (co-captain), Claire Edgar of Union, Beth Pearson of Nanih Waiya and Carrie Cumberland of Philadelphia; second row, from left, Melonie Moore of Neshoba Central, Marie Griffith of Newton County, Candice Cooper of Winston Academy, Missy Johnson, Whitney Harris and Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling, all of Newton County, and Aleda Moore of Meridian. Loris Muse of Hickory serves as coordinator/choreographer.

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Ricardo Robinson of Decatur, left, is serving his first year as drum major of the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band after previously serving as assistant drum major. Robinson is a graduate of Newton County High School, where he served two years as drum major for the Cougar Band. He also received a "Superior" rating at State Band Contest. Robinson is a former member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps and recently participated in the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, which won first place in national competition. In addition to serving as drum major, Robinson begins his third year as color guard instructor for the Wall O' Sound Band. Monica Allen of Union, right, is assistant drum major. Allen is a graduate of Union High School, where she served as drum major of the Yellow-jacket Band and was rated "Superior" at all marching contests her senior year.

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WEEK OF Sept 1

Area Students Receive East Central Drama Awards

These students at East Central Community College in Decatur received drama awards during the ECCC Players banquet held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured are (seated, from left) Laura Shook of Newton, best actress in a drama; Chris Carson of Decatur, best actor in a musical; and Amy Chamblee of Carthage, best actress in a musical; and (standing from left) Josh Hall of Morton, best supporting actor in a drama; and Jennifer Carson of Decatur, best supporting actress in a musical. Not pictured is Lee Dooley of Lake, best actor in a drama, best supporting actor in a musical and best male dancer; and Jill Clanton of Newton, best supporting actress in a drama.

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EC LPN graduates

East Central Community College in Decatur recently held its annual pinning ceremony for graduates of the College's Licensed Practical Nursing program. Members of the Class of 2001 include (first row, from left) Stephanie Ward, Collinsville; Tiffany Simmons, Newton; Michele Smith, Carthage; Crystal Arnault, McCool; Daphne Palmer, Louisville; (second row, from left) Mary Johnson, Philadelphia; Jodie Favre, Walnut Grove; Martha Sawyer, Raleigh; Ellen Boykin, Conehatta; and Jennifer Jenkins, Carthage; (third row, from left) Shelia Trussell and Sharon Nash, both of Meridian; Keshia Shoemaker, Decatur; and Veronica Jones, Forest; and (top row, from left) instructors Kathy Buckman and Sandra Thomas.

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ECCC STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

East Central Community College students, Linda Moody, second from left, of Walnut Grove and Jessica Brumfield, third from left, of Carthage, display awards Phi Beta Lambda received at a National Leadership Conference earlier this summer in Dallas, Texas. Theta Chi members placed third in the Annual Business Report, a 20-page document submitted prior to the conference. ECCC students also finished sixth in the Community Service Project, and came in 10th in the American Enterprise Project. Moody and Brumfield presented two-minute and 10-minute presentations for the project competition. The award-winning students are shown with chapter advisers Christy Ferguson, left, and Brenda Johnson, both of Philadelphia. Ferguson teaches business technology courses and Johnson is a computer technology instructor.

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EC choir officers

These East Central Community College students are serving as officers of the college's concert choir for the 2001-2002 term. Pictured are (first row, from left) Stacey York of Decatur, assistant librarian; Renae Irby of Meridian, librarian; and Glenda Brown of Union, soprano section leader; (second row, from left) Rebecca Germany of Union, alto section leader; Lana Rogers of Carthage, president; and Dinah Howell of Decatur, secretary/treasurer; and (back row, from left) Caleb Cook of Hickory, baritone section leader; Carl Wilson of Newton, tenor section leader; and Andy Murphy of Meridian, vice president. Ross Price serves as vocal music instructor and director of the choir.

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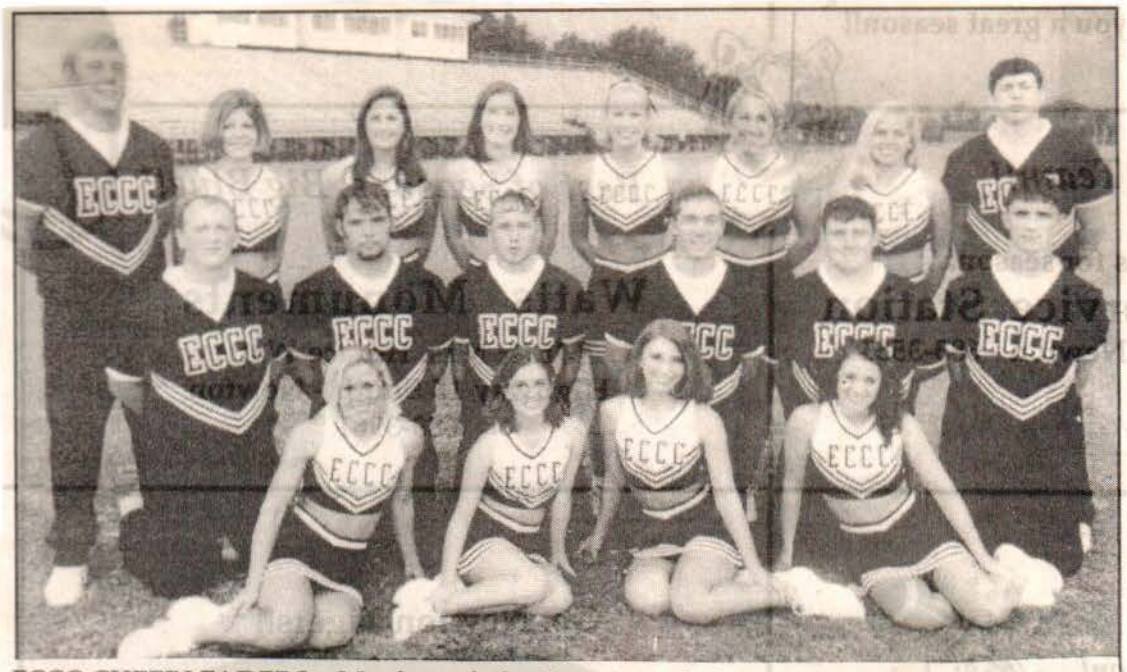

ECCC CHEERLEADERS - Members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad for the 2001-2002 term and their respective high schools are (front row, from left) Kasey Comans, Newton County Academy; Kelly Walker, Neshoba Central; Courtney Graham, West Lauderdale; and Leigh Ann Morrow, Enterprise; (second row, from left) Chris VanEtten, Scott Central; Andrew Latham and Jonathan Huff, both of Forest; Jeff Stuart, Lake; Scott Belvin, West Lauderdale; and Todd Babb, Pisgah; and (back row, from left) Brandi Bounds, West Lauderdale, Kristin Harris, Enterprise; LeAnn Eddins, Heidelberg Academy; Leslie Crenshaw, Newton; Jennifer Walker, Neshoba Central; and Lee Thompson, Morton. Carrie Underwood serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC ADN Students Assist in Disaster Relief

The Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College will host a fund-raiser to assist victims of the recent terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

The group will sponsor a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, September 28, on the college's East Mall area. Among items they plan to sell include Funnel cakes, chili pies and cokes. In addition, American Flag beaded pins and car antenna flyers will be available for purchase.

In addition to the bake sale, the student nurses will sell funnel cakes during home football games.

Pam Kelly, who serves as reporter for the Association of Student Nurses at East Central (ASNEC) said, "It is amazing to see all the police, firefighters and volunteers that have helped in the rescue and recovery effort, As other groups are joining together to help the victims and their families during this time of need, we also wanted to help."

Kelly also said the student nurses would like to challenge other nursing programs to help their nation during this tragedy.

For those who cannot attend the bake sale or the ball games, Kelly said monetary donations will be accepted and can be mailed to the ECCC AND Program at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

BANDS CONTRIBUTOR - Former ECCC band member Ty Jankowski of Decatur is the first contributor to "Friends of the Wall O'Sound", a support group recently organized for the College's band program. He is shown presenting the check to Thomas W. Carson, director of bands. Funds will be used to purchase much-needed equipment and facilities to maintain an up-to-date program.

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WEEK OF Oct 1

Six Newton Countians join ECCC

East Central Community College recently selected students to serve on its Warrior Corps. This select group of students will assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Rebecca Germany

Rebecca Germany is a graduate of Union high School where she served as VP of the student body, president of the choir, and drum major of the band. She was a member of beta Club and FBLA(Future Business leaders of America) and the UHS Hall of Fame. She is a sophomore music major, member of the concert choir, the Wall O'Sound Marching Band and serves as president of Phi Theta Kappa. Germany is the daughter of David and Peggy Germany of Union.

Jake Alexander

Jake Alexander is a graduate of Newton County Academy where he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Farmers of America.The freshman liberal arts major and is the son of Michael and Amy Alexander and Wynne Alexander, all of Little Rock.

Dinah Howell

Dinah Howell is a graduate of Newton County High School where she served as Beta Club president, junior class president and editor of the Beta Club scrapbook. In addition, she was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. The freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound marching band and the concert choir. Howell is the daughter of Byron and Cynthia Howell of Little Rock.

Misty Keene

Misty Keene is a graduate of Union High School where she was a

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Warrior Corps

Girls' State representative and member of the student council. The freshman psychology major is the daughter of Ricky and Vicki Keene of Little Rock.

Nathan Stamper

Nathan Stamper is a graduate of Newton County Academy where he served as president of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and vice president of the Honor Society. In addition, he was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. The freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Warrior Golf team. Stamper is the son of Richard and Sheila Stamper of Decatur.

Leslie Vance is a graduate of Union High School where she was a member of the student council and was selected Homecoming Queen and Miss UHS. The freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Baptist Student Union. She is the daughter of Terry and Sonya Vance of Union.

Leslie Vance

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WALKER

Andrea Walker selected for ECCC Corps

Andrea Walker of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Walker is a graduate of Edinburg High School where she was a member of the Beta Club and served as Student Council president.

At East Central, the freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Baptist Student Union.

Walker is the daughter of Andy and Debbie Walker of Carthage.

RAWSON

Amy Rawson inducted into Warrior Corps

Amy Rawson of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Rawson is a graduate of Carthage High School where she was STAR Student and a National Beta Scholar. In addition, she was named Leake County Junior Miss for 2001.

At East Central, the freshman pre-dentistry major is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the ECCC Players.

Rawson is the daughter of Gary and Rhonda Rawson of Carthage.

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EC theater cast

Pictured above are members of the cast for the East Central Community College dinner theater production of Nick Hall's "Accommodations" which will be held Nov. 15-17 in Mabry Cafeteria. Clockwise from top right are directo Regina Rigby, Megan Morrison of Edinburg, Ura Seymer and Amy Rawson, both of Carthage; and John Howard of Orlando, Fla.

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HALL

Jimmy Hall joins EC Corps

Jimmy Hall of Lena was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

A graduate of Leake Academy, Hall was voted Most Likely to Succeed and received the Citizenship Award. In addition, he served as secretary of the senior class and the student council.

The freshman pre-medicine major is the son of Johnny and Kathy Hall of Lena.

WYATT

Wyatt joins ECCC Corps

Adam Wyatt of Morton was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

A sophomore physical education major, Wyatt is a graduate of Leake Academy.

He is the son of Gary and Jennie Wyatt of Morton.

MORRISON

Morrison joins East Central Warrior Corps

Megan Morrison of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Morrison is a graduate of Edinburg High School where she was valedictorian, STAR Student and received various other academic awards.

At East Central, the sophomore English major is a member of the ECCC Players. She was named Best Actress in a drama for the fall dinner theater production of Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart" and received the Best Show Spirit Award for the spring musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

Morrison is the daughter of Margie Morrison and Tully Morrison, both of Carthage.

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STONE

Nicki Stone joins ECCC Warrior Corps

Nicki Stone of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus event and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Stone is a graduate of Edinburg High School where she was valedictorian of her senior class.

At East Central, she is a freshman liberal arts major.

Stone is the daughter of Steve and Robin Stone of Carthage.

PHILLIPS

Warrior Corps had enlisted Carthage coed

Natasha Phillips of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Phillips is a graduate of Carthage High School where she was salutatorian. She was also named Leake County's Miss Hospitality for 2001.

At East Central, the freshman pre-medicine major is a member of the Baptist Student Union.

Phillips is the daughter of Truitt and Charnelia Phillips of Carthage.

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Kristin Rice of Newton was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. A graduate of Newton County Academy, Rice was selected Homecoming Queen and Miss NCA. She served as secretary for FBLA and for the Honor Society. The freshman pharmacy major is the daughter of Brian and Korby Mann and Ken Rice, of Newton.

Jake Alexander of Little Rock was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. Alexander is a graduate of Newton County Academy where he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Farmers of America. He is a freshman liberal arts major and is the son of Michael and Amy Alexander and Wynne Alexander, all of Little Rock.

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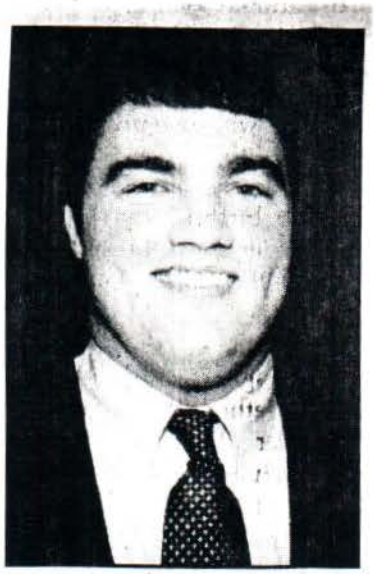
David Burt of Newton was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. Burt is a graduate of Newton County Academy where he was valedictorian, a STAR student, president of the honor society and vice president of FBLA. At East Central, the freshman business administration major is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Warrior golf team. Burt is the son of Bryan and Mary Burt of Newton.



Nathan Stamper of Decatur was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. Stamper is a graduate of Newton County Academy where he served as president of FBLA and vice president of the Honor Society. In addition, he was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At East Central, the freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Warrior golf

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Dinah Howell of Little Rock was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. Howell is a graduate of Newton County High School where she served as Beta Club president, junior class president and editor of the Beta Club scrapbook. In addition she was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At EC, the freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band and the concert choir.

She is the daughter of Byron and Cynthia Howell of Little Rock.

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East Central Community College sophomores (from left) Brent Sutphin of Decatur, Tina Mize of Hickory and Christopher Bankston of Union were recently inducted into the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on 12 semester hours of coursework. An overall GPA of 3.5 is also required for membership. Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College is preparing to present a dinner theater production of Proof by David Auburn, winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play. Performances are scheduled Thursday-Saturday, November 13-15, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus, and follow a 7 p.m. buffet meal. Cast members are (from left) Steven Thomas of Philadelphia, Mike Fondren of Union, Katie Ford of Newton, Whitney Owen (student director) of Decatur, Julie DeBord of Carthage and Regina Rigby (director) of Forest. Tickets are $15 and have been on sale since Oct. 27. To reserve tickets call Tanya Boler at ECCC, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 239. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 12

ECCC Collegians

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TO PERFORM MONDAY — The Collegians of East Central Community College will present their fall concert at 8 p.m. Monday in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The popular rock group will perform hits by such artists as Dave Matthews, Jewel, Lynrd Skynrd and many others. Group member are, first row from left, technicians Marcus Williams of Brandon, Lucas Pope of Philadelphia, Josh Tillman of Forest, Andy Polizzi of Meridian, George Edwards of Louisville, Andy Murphy of Meridian, second row from left, winds Josh Black of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick of Conehatta, Grant Morris and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia, third row from left, vocalists, Chris Carson, Damien Wash and Josh Burton, all of Decatur, Claire Edgar of Union, Kristen Thornton of Edinburg and Mary Speed of Forest, top row from left, rhythm section members Kirk Misso of Starkville, Michael Eichelberger of Conehatta, Matt Baldridge of Philadelphia and Jennifer Savell of Lake. The Collegians are under the direction of Thomas W. Carson who also plays guitar in the group.

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Excellence in education

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NURSING STUDENTS HONORED — Melissa Tindol, left, of Philadelphia, Janice Sadler of Hickory, Bobby Martin of Carthage, Amy Burgin of Union and Jonah Romans of Philadelphia received an award on behalf of Associate Degree Nursing students at East Central Community College in Decatur. The students received the Best Community Service Project award at the annual Mississippi Student Nurses Convention held on the Gulf Coast. ECCC students raised more than $1,500 to aid victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York. Fund-raising efforts are continuing with the sale of T-shirts and other items.

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WEEK OF 3 Dec 01

ECCC STUDENTS NAMED HOSA OFFICERS -Selected to serve as 2001-2002 post-secondary officers for the Mississippi (HOSA) Health Occupation Students of America Chapter are community -junior college students from left - Tanya Primer, president of Carthage and East Central Community College; Aaron Rogers, vice president, Jones County Junior College; Kathy Hogue, secretary/treasurer of Walnut Grove and ECCC; Hattie Sellers, historian, East Mississippi Community College; Kim Jones, Central Representative, Meridian Community College; and Jennifer Coring, northern representative, EMCC. The annual state meeting is held on the ECCC campus in Decatur.

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WEEK OF 3 Dec 01

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BOUNDS WINS SINGLES TITLE — Brandi Bounds of DeKalb won the womens singles title in the annual East Central Community College Alumi/Student Tennis Tourment held as part of the college's Homecoming activites. Bounds, a graduate of West Lauderdale High School, is a sophmore on the Lady Warriors tennis team.

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Events

WEEK OF 10 Dec 01

ECCC ALUMNUS PERFORMS ON CAMPUS - East Central Community College alumnus Chas Evans and other members of the Hub City Guitar Trio presented a concert recently in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the ECCC campus in Decatur. Group members include (from left) Jay Erp, Sarah Clay and Evans, a former resident of Chunky. All three are students at the University of Southern Mississippi. Evans is pursuing a master's degree in music performance while serving as a graduate assistant to guitar instructor Giovanni Dechiaro. (EC Photo)

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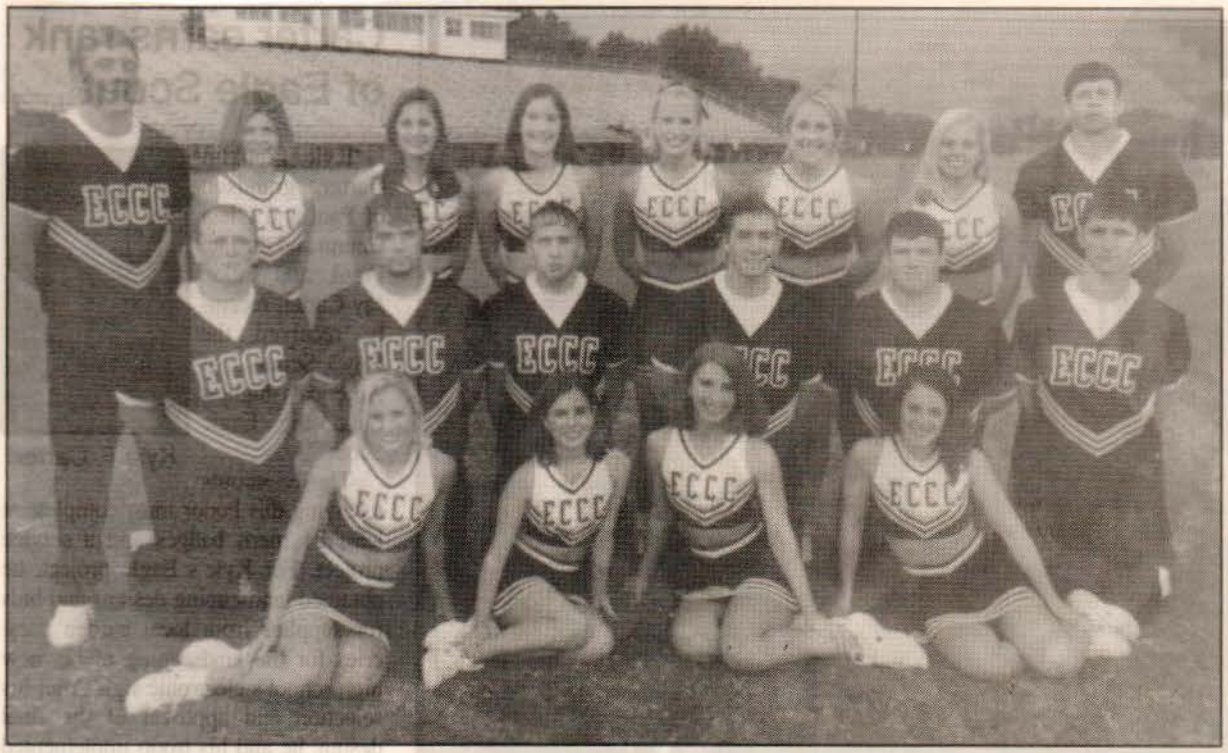

ECCC cheerleaders

Members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad for the 2001-2002 term and their respective high schools are, first row, from left, Kasey Comans, Newton County Academy; Kelly Walker, Neshoba Central; Courtney Graham, West Lauderdale; and Leigh Ann Morrow, Enterprise; second row, Chris VanEtten, Scott Central; Andrew Latham and Jonathan Huff, both of Forest; Jeff Stuart of Lake; Scott Belvin, West Lauderdale; and Todd Babb, Pisgah; and back row, Jonathan McMillin, Winston Academy; Lindsey Cheatham, Philadelphia; Brandi Bounds, West Lauderdale; Kristin Harris, Enterprise; LeAnn Eddins, Heidelberg Academy; Leslie Crenshaw, Newton; Jennifer Walker, Neshoba Central; and Lee Thompson, Mortcn. Carrie Underwood serves as sponsor. (EC photo)

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ECCC Centralettes

These students are members of the Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Candice Cooper and Miranda Faulk, both of Louisville, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton, Claudia Zynosky-Sharplin of Decatur and Sandy Keene of Union; (second row, from left) Beth Pearson of Preston, Melissa Evans of Carthage, Kristin Rice of Newton, Missy Johnson of Hickory, Claire Edgar of Union and Melonie Moore of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Molly Addkison of Louisville, Whitney Harris of Decatur, Katy Bourland of Louisville, Carrie Cumberland and Melody Griffin, both of Philadelphia, and Marie Griffith of Hickory. Lori Muse serves as choreographer. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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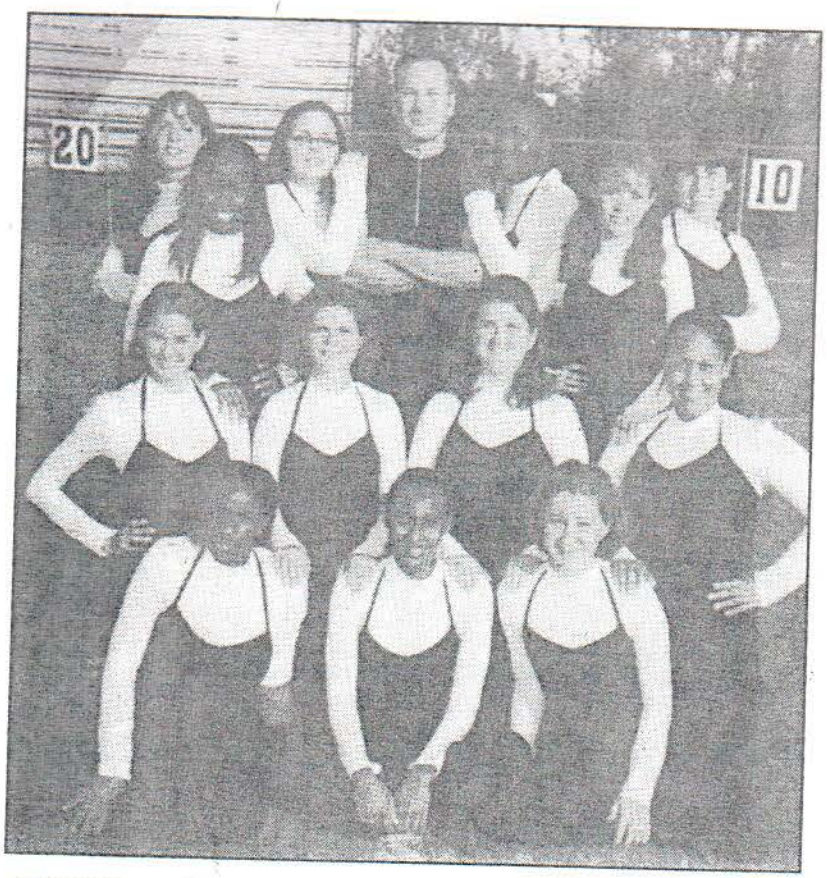

ECCC color guard

These students are members of the color guard for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Chalunda Hudson of Philadelphia, Alyssa Ford of Newton, and Jana Adkins of Union; (second row, from left) Erica Hall of Forest, Kristen Gardner and Dana Massey, both of Decatur, and Kathy Jones of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Allison Latham of Forest, Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, Mandy Calecas of Philadelphia, Joey Stockton of Quitman, Keisha Temple of Newton, Amanda Sanders of Carthage and Renae Irby of Clarkdale. Not pictured is color guard choreographer Ricardo Robinson of Decatur. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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ECCC drum line

These students are members of the drum line for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Stephen Harrison of Meridian, Rob Kelsey of West Point, Brooks Hamilton of Angelton, Texas, Andy Murphy of Meridian, Mark Johnson of Union, Kari Freeny of Carthage and Chip Savell of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Kerri Burks of Philadelphia, Nichole Collins of Noxapater, Sheena Lampley of Louisville, Michelle Simmons of Carthage, Lee Dooley of Lake and Chris Carson and Alan Williams, both of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Johnny Jones of Newton, Josh Tillman of Forest, Jeff Pates of Lawrence, Lester Miles of Decatur, David Thorne of Hickory, Chad Austin of Forest, Matthew Heard of Madison, Jensen Jones of Carthage and Eric Hollingsworth of Decatur. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. Jared Brownlee serves as percussion instructor.

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ECCC gospel choir

Members of the East central Community College Gospel Choir recently presented their fall campus concert in Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Members and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Kalinda Towner, Meridian; Chalunda Hudson, Philadelphia; Yolanda Carson, Carthage; Melonie Moore, Philadelphia; Keisha Temple, Newton; Kenneth McWilliams, Philadelphia; Terrance Anderson, Preston; Brandy Johnson, Philadelphia; Laura Nichols, Lawrence; and Alvia Lee, Carthage; (second row, from left) Charmaine Jones and Pam Carter, both of Philadelphia; Laquesha Goss, Louisville; Jessica Moore and Lakecia Moore, both of Philadelphia; Paul Mason and Johnny Jones, both of Newton; Heather Brantley, Kathy Jones and Keisha Burnside, all of Philadelphia; Kym Trotter, Decatur; and sponsor Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence; and (back row, from left) Salathia Thomas, Quitman; Sharon Gaddis, Carthage; Esalina Roberts, Newton; Latasha Hall, Louisville; Sheronica Patrick, Decatur; Robert Finch, Louisville; Johnathan Griffin, Philadelphia; Claudia Patrick, Sebastopol; and Dedria Greer and Natalie Chapman, both of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF 12-17-2001

ECCC SOCCER AWARD WINNERS - These members of the East Central Community College soccer team received various honors following the 2001 campaign. Award recipients included (seated from left) Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County, Hustle Award; Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central, co-recipient of he most valuable player award and first team All-State; and Brandon Ditto of Brandon, best offensive player and honorable mention All-State. Standing from left are Brandon Land of Corinth, team captain and Coach's Warrior Award; Nate Alexander of Corinth, best defensive player; Selute Karweaye of Monrovia, Liberia in Wet Africa, Honorable mention All-State; Caleb May of Leake Academy, most improved; and Gardito Ruiz of Warren Central, co-recipient of the most valuable player award and first team All-State. Not pictured is Wesley Rounsaville of Philadelphia, Warrior Scholar Athlete Award. The Soccer Warriors completed season action by placing third inteh south Division standings with a 4-3-1 record. The overall mark was 6-8-1. Kenneth Thompson is head coach and Roy Pete serves as a volunteer assistant. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-16-01

Members of the East Central Community College men's tennis team for the 2001 season include (from left) Blake Revette of Newton, Jonathan McDonald of Decatur, Lee Dempsey of Louisville, Kris Amis and Ty Anderson, both of Decatur, and Chad Austin of Forest. The Warriors are coached by Jay Bowen. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-23-01

Members of the East Central Community College women's tennis team for the 2001 season include (from left) Jessica Weeks and Jennifer Emmons, both of Forest; Tori Tijerina of Newton; Kasey Comans of Decatur; Brandi Bounds of DeKalb; Kristi Moore of Noxapater; and Brandy Burnette of Louisville. The Lady Warriors finished fifth in the MACJC State/Region 23 Tournament this past weekend at Ellisville. Comans and Katie Bourland were runner-up in the No. 3 doubles. The Lady Warriors are coached by Jay Bowen. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 7, 2001

East Central Community College's Kasey Comans, above, of Decatur and Katy Bourland, left, of Louisville recently finished runner-up in the MACJC and Region 23 No. 3 doubles competition at Ellisville.

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